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Western University provides students with eTranscripts through the new MyCreds™ virtual wallet

Western University is the latest early adopter U15 university to join MyCreds™, the National Network owned by the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC).

Effective immediately, Western students and graduates will now be able to access their transcripts in an electronic format via their own personal virtual wallet. The MyCreds™ platform provides students with the tremendous benefit of accessing and sharing their documents 24/7, from wherever in the world they are located.

The adoption of this new platform falls in line with the University's commitment to innovation and modernization in order to create sustainable business practices and enhance the student experience. Additionally, this technology brings enormous efficiencies to Western's internal registrarial processes, accelerating document processing times.

The MyCreds™ platform gives students private online access to their individual records and ensures they hold sovereignty as to when and where their information is shared. Documents issued through MyCreds™ can be easily and securely shared with employers, government, institutions and other third parties. The MyCreds™ wallet supports students at all stages of their academic journey – as they transition into, between, and beyond their experience at Western.

"Offering our students and alumni innovative, digital services that ensure the security of their data and promote globalization, life-long learning and sustainability is a priority for us," says Glen Tigert, Registrar at Western University. "Our partnership with ARUCC to deliver eTranscripts through the MyCreds™ platform is an exciting step in achieving this goal."

Collectively, the institutions and organizations joining the National Network are united in their objective to make digital credentials accessible to all learners in Canada. As the rollout continues nationally at a rapid pace, MyCreds™ is providing comprehensive support to learners, institutions and member organizations.

"Ontario's postsecondary institutions are leading adopters of the ARUCC MyCreds™ virtual wallet and official document exchange network," says Steve Orsini, President and CEO, Council of Ontario Universities. "Western's launch builds greater momentum in the adoption of MyCreds™ by colleges and universities across the province. This digital wallet is an excellent example of a sector-led initiative that embraces Ontario's digital strategy."

About MyCreds™

MyCreds™ is a national, shared service and platform that provides students and graduates access to a secure, online, password protected learner credential wallet. This virtual wallet allows them to view and

share their verified and official transcripts, credentials, and academic documents in a digitized format on a 24/7 basis – anytime, anywhere. It enables peer-to-peer official document and data sharing between issuing organizations such as colleges and universities. Secure, cryptographically signed documents can be sent conveniently and require no further verification. MyCreds™ is the first and only national bilingual system of its kind in Canada. Visit www.mycreds.ca for more details or contact ARUCC's Executive Lead, Joanne Duklas at info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca.

About Western

Western University delivers an academic experience second to none. Since 1878, the Western Experience has combined academic excellence with life-long opportunities for intellectual, social and cultural growth in order to better serve our communities. Our research excellence expands knowledge and drives discovery with real-world application. Western attracts individuals with a broad worldview, seeking to study, influence and lead in the international community.

About ARUCC

The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada ([ARUCC](http://www.arucc.ca)) owns [MyCreds™](http://www.mycreds.ca). ARUCC provides leadership in the post-secondary education field and service to its member institutions nationally and internationally, helping foster the advancement of registrarial practices and learner focused service delivery in Canada.

About Digitary

Digitary provides the underlying engine powering [MyCreds™](http://www.mycreds.ca). Digitary was launched in Dublin, Ireland in 2005, and has grown to become a leading online platform for certifying, sharing, and verifying academic credentials. Learner-centric since the very start, Digitary enables millions of learners to share their verified academic achievements online, securely, quickly and easily. Digitary is now used by organizations in over 135 countries. For further details visit www.digitary.net.

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