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### **NAIT joins MyCreds™, a national document exchange network to issue official transcripts**

Through MyCreds™, the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) is now able to issue and receive official transcripts, quickly and securely.

Starting today, NAIT is now issuing academic transcripts through MyCreds™, a national document exchange network and credential wallet that is owned and led by the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC).

MyCreds™ will allow NAIT alumni and students to access and share their official transcripts digitally with other colleges and universities, government, employers and third parties. NAIT is among 15 Canadian post-secondary institutions, including the University of Alberta, SAIT and Bow Valley College, that have joined MyCreds™. Through the document exchange platform, NAIT can also receive digital documents, quickly and securely, from learners at other post-secondary institutions around the world.

“We’re very excited to launch the MyCreds™ platform, which will put NAIT learners’ academic transcripts at their fingertips with the ability to share them anytime and anywhere,” says Jen Crothers, associate vice president and registrar. “This is the first of many steps we are taking as we grow our capacity to support the accessibility and mobility of NAIT academic documents and credentials for our learners.”

Increasingly, credential fraud has become a significant issue for employers, post-secondary institutions, government authorities and others who need to validate the documents they receive. Transcripts and other official documents shared through MyCreds™ are tamper-evident and cryptographically signed, ensuring they are authentic and official.

Joining MyCreds™ will reduce the need for in-person requests and help lower wait times associated with issuing hardcopy documents. In addition to transcripts, NAIT is also exploring issuing other official documents, such as digital credentials in the upcoming months.

“NAIT’s credentials are valued by industry,” adds Crothers. “This shift to digital will improve our connectivity with industry and other organizations by sharing academic transcripts more quickly and efficiently to help students and alumni advance their careers and demonstrate the value of their polytechnic education.”

“The Alberta Registrars’ Association (ARA) is firmly behind anything we can do together to help learners access jobs and further education quickly and seamlessly,” says Marko Hilgersom, president, Alberta Registrars’ Association. “The association sees the MyCreds™ platform as deeply aligned with goals supporting learner mobility and employment. We are excited to see NAIT join the MyCreds™ National Network and are pleased to say that each of our schools are integrating easily with the platform and launching quickly.”



### **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 also enables sharing between organizations with the learner’s permission. 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](http://www.mycreds.ca) for more details or contact ARUCC’s executive lead, Joanne Duklas at [info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca](mailto:info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca).

### **About NAIT**

The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) is a leading Canadian polytechnic, delivering education in science, technology and the environment; business; health and skilled trades. With nearly 34,000 credit and non-credit students and a 98 per cent employer satisfaction rate, NAIT grads are essential to the provincial economy. NAIT also contributes to Alberta's prosperity by helping business and industry become more competitive with Industry Solutions offered through its Productivity and Innovation Centre, including technology adoption, business and product innovation and industry-driven research. Recognized as one of Alberta's top employers, NAIT provides outstanding returns on investment for its graduates, partners, the provincial government and the people of Alberta. To learn more about NAIT, visit [www.nait.ca](http://www.nait.ca).

### **About ARUCC**

The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) owns MyCreds™. 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™. 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](http://www.digitary.net).

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