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### **OCAD U joins MyCreds™ to offer learners 24/7 access to their digital documents**

OCAD University (OCAD U) students and graduates will now be able to securely access and share digitized academic documents online from anywhere in the world.

Starting today, OCAD U officially joins MyCreds™, the National Network and virtual wallet owned by the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC). OCAD U is the oldest and largest comprehensive art, design and digital media university in Canada.

The MyCreds™ platform gives OCAD U learners private online access to their individual records and ensures they hold sovereignty as to where and when their information is shared. Documents issued through MyCreds™ are tamper-evident and can be easily and securely shared with other colleges and universities, employers, government and third parties.

This digital adoption strategy to provide learners with virtual credential wallets aligns with OCAD U's commitment to support students in a modernized, digital learning environment. OCAD U will also be an official receiving organization on the network, allowing inbound documents to be received and managed efficiently directly in the MyCreds™ environment.

“OCAD U launching MyCreds™ is an exciting moment in our journey to support our students and graduates,” says Ben Peto, University Registrar and Director, Enrolment Services, OCAD University. “Our learners represent a diverse community who need flexible, digitized and portable access to their documents. With MyCreds™, we are pleased to be able to provide a one stop solution for credentials that curates everything in one place and provides full learner agency and control over their documents.”

MyCreds™ will provide many benefits for OCAD U students and staff, including:

- Full autonomy and control: Students have full control over their documents and who their documents are shared with.
- Reduced academic fraud: Documents issued through the network are authentic, tamper-evident and legally valid.
- Improved student services: Processing requests and admission decisions can be done faster with automatic digital service.
- Enhanced student mobility: The ability to exchange academic data digitally and quickly aids faster transfer credit assessments. The process is easier and faster for students with MyCreds™.
- Supports student and alumni career goals: With all official, verified documents available digitally in their credential wallet, students and alumni can prove their educational credentials on the spot to prospective employers, institutions, and others, worldwide.

“OCAD U joining MyCreds™ represents another tremendous milestone for the MyCreds™ National Network,” says Charmaine Hack, Project Chair, ARUCC National Network. “As the first school of art and design to lead the country in onboarding, we are delighted to see the various uses and benefits that the network can provide to learners.”



### **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 OCAD University**

OCAD University is Canada’s oldest and largest university dedicated to art, design and digital media education, practice and research and to knowledge and invention across a wide range of disciplines. OCAD U graduates work in all areas of the economy, including health care, environmental design, industrial design and animation.

### **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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