

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Olds College launches MyCreds™ digital academic credentials

Olds College is the latest Canadian Institution to offer MyCreds™, the digital credential wallet of the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC).

Effective today, Olds College students and graduates will now have 24/7 access to digital transcripts in their own virtual credential wallet.

All Olds College students can now also access their digital badges upon completion of microcredential courses. The unique badge platform built into the MyCreds™ environment permits learners to demonstrate their achievements with the ability to share their digital badge with third party recipients or post it on their social media and LinkedIn accounts.

“Implementing MyCreds™ could not have come at a better time. Olds College students and graduates are gaining valuable skills and making connections with employers to showcase these along with a variety of credentials including transcripts, badges, diplomas or other academic documents,” says Dr. Peter Mal, Associate Vice President, Students & Registrar. “We’ve heard from students, and they are excited to use this technology to manage and share their information securely and conveniently.”

MyCreds™ allows students to safely and securely access verifiable credentials and transcripts when they need them. These documents can be quickly and easily shared to other institutions, employers, and third parties. Documents issued through MyCreds™ are tamper-evident and cryptographically signed, making them authentic and official.

“Congratulations to Olds College for joining the MyCreds™ National Network! Alberta is making remarkable progress! Over a dozen Alberta institutions are active participants, further strengthening the Network and its tremendous value to learners and postsecondary institutions,” says Kathleen Massey, President, Groningen Declaration Network; Associate Vice President (Students), University of Lethbridge. “I’m pleased to welcome Olds College, which joins the University of Lethbridge, the University of Alberta, SAIT, NAIT and Medicine Hat College, and many others. With each institution launch, we continue to empower more students and make credentials accessible to all learners across the country.”

#### 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 Olds College**

Olds College is known for high-tech, hands-on agriculture education and innovative applied research that lays the foundation for solving real-world problems in farming, food and land. The College offers programming in Agriculture, Horticulture, Land and Environment Management, Animal Science, Food Production, Business, Trades and Apprenticeships. Olds College Centre of Innovation and Smart Farm are accelerating the development and adoption of technologies and practices that result in improved productivity, profitability and sustainability of the agriculture and agri-food industry through industry-driven applied research. Olds College has been recognized as one of Canada's top 50 research colleges by Research Infosource. As Canada's smart agriculture college, Olds College is working to achieve its social purpose of transforming agriculture for a better world.

### **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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