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Digital transcripts now available to University of Waterloo students with MyCreds^{TM}

The University of Waterloo continues to improve services to its students by launching the MyCreds^{TM} platform.

Effective immediately, University of Waterloo students – current and former – will now be able to request access to their official transcripts in a digital format via an authenticated digital wallet. The MyCreds^{TM} portal can be accessed 24/7 from anywhere in the world and will help students access and share their transcripts when they need to.

The University of Waterloo immediately recognized the benefits of joining the National Network – owned by the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC).

"The University of Waterloo is excited to be launching our partnership with MyCreds^{TM} which will allow us to provide a better experience to our students," says Catherine Newell Kelly, University Registrar. "This opportunity will allow us to provide our students and alumni with secure digital copies of their documents that can be shared by them, when they need it. They will be in control of access to their academic records."

Through MyCreds^{TM}, students will be able to securely and conveniently access and share their academic documents with other colleges and universities, government, employers and third parties. Documents issued through MyCreds^{TM} are tamper-evident and cryptographically signed, making them authentic and official.

Waterloo is launching the use of MyCreds^{TM} with digital transcripts, but more digital documents will be added, such as parchments, letters, etc. With over 17,000 paper transcripts being requested and issued annually, this new digital service will allow students to receive access to and share their digital copies with their intended audiences faster, more conveniently, and more securely.

"Congratulations and warm welcome to the University of Waterloo as they join the MyCreds^{TM} National Network," says Darran Fernandez, OURA Representative, ARUCC Executive Committee. "We are thrilled to see the progress that post-secondary institutions in Ontario have made in embracing MyCreds^{TM} thereby increasing the secure digital sharing of official post-secondary transcripts and credentials. The University of Waterloo joining is another step forward in making academic documents accessible to all learners across the country."

About MyCreds™
MyCreds^{TM} 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^{TM} is the first and only national bilingual system of its kind in Canada.

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Visit www.mycreds.ca for more details or contact ARUCC's Executive Lead, Joanne Duklas at info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca.

About the University of Waterloo
The University of Waterloo has over 42,00 students and more than 225,000 alumni in 151 countries. Waterloo, Canada's most innovative university, champions a culture of curiosity, exploration, risk-taking, entrepreneurship, global stewardship and leadership.

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.

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