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The First Nations University of Canada partners with ARUCC, MyCreds™ to provide digital credential wallets

The First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv) joins a partnership with the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) to launch MyCreds™.

Effective today, the First Nations University of Canada learners will now have 24/7 access to badges, micro-credentials and professional certificates in their own virtual credential wallet.

FNUUniv is a unique institution of higher learning, specializing in Indigenous education for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. The University has expanded to serve Indigenous higher education needs nationally. FNUUniv is an internationally recognized Centre of global Indigenous knowledge, attracting students and scholars of many different Indigenous backgrounds from across Canada and worldwide. FNUUniv recently launched the Indigenous Continuing Education Centre (ICEC) to provide Indigenous-focused, accessible, flexible course offerings for Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners, as individuals, for organizations in the private and public sectors and communities.

“The partnership with ARUCC and MyCreds™ is another achievement for the University. FNUUniv is the first Indigenous-controlled post-secondary institution to offer such benefits to its learners. All learners of FNUUniv and ICEC can have 24/7 access to their digital credential wallet made shareable in a digital format anytime and to anyone they choose,” says Reila Bird, Director, Indigenous Continuing Education Centre (ICEC).

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

MyCreds™ will provide many benefits for learners at the First Nations University of Canada including:

- Self-sovereignty and agency over their credentials and who they are shared with
- 24/7 access and virtual digitized sharing
- Streamlined service
- Reduced time in processing requests and the potential of lost documents
- Reduced academic fraud
- Enhanced learner mobility via a digital data exchange network

“We are thrilled to announce the launch of the First Nations University of Canada on ARUCC MyCreds™,” says Joanne Duklas, Executive Lead, ARUCC. “A first for Canada, they are launching badges, a micro-credential that provides assessed evidence of focused achievement. We applaud their efforts to make a transformative impact through education based on a foundation of Indigenous Knowledge and see this type of credential as instrumental in supporting rapid learner access to employment. MyCreds™ enables sharing of various types of documents and credentials reflecting a variety of learning experiences. ARUCC

is pleased to support one of Canada's Indigenous universities by providing virtual digital wallets for their 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. 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 First Nations University of Canada

The First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv) was founded in 1976 and is a First Nations owned post-secondary institution that aspires to have transformative impact by bridging our ceremonies, knowledge keepers, languages, and traditions with the delivery of high-quality post-secondary education that will lead to the pride and success of all students, First Nations communities and Canada. For more information about FNUUniv, please visit <http://fnuniv.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.

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