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Transcripts to go digital at Lethbridge College

March 1, 2022 – As part of Lethbridge College's ongoing commitment to embracing digital solutions and adopting sustainable practices, the Registrar's Office announced today that the college has joined a national network and will offer all official transcripts securely and electronically through MyCreds.ca.

Moving forward, Lethbridge College will discontinue issuing paper transcripts and instead securely issue verified digital transcripts to students and alumni. Other institutions that use MyCreds.ca include the universities of Alberta, Calgary and Lethbridge; NAIT and SAIT; Bow Valley College, Medicine Hat College and Olds College, and more across Canada.

"Digital credentials provide an improved experience for students and grads who need to access and share their transcripts," explains Jean Schnarr, business systems analyst in the college's Registration office. "It will speed up the process of providing transcripts and credentials to employers or other post-secondary institutions while being tamper-proof and secure. This means it will speed up decision-making processes by employers and educational providers, too."

In the course of a year, Lethbridge College typically issues about 8,000 transcripts to students, post-secondary institutions, employers and governing bodies. This number includes transcripts delivered electronically to all Alberta post-secondary institutions, which the college has been doing this since 2018. But of the 8,000, about 4,500 have been paper transcripts.

Starting in the fall of 2020, Canadian universities, colleges, and institutes began making the change to the MyCreds network. This ground-breaking, pan-Canadian initiative has been led by the Association of Registrar's of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) in collaboration with Canadian universities, colleges, and institutes to enhance student mobility, mitigate credential fraud, and create enhanced service that supports Canada's learners as they move through their academic and professional careers.

"At ARUCC, we are committed to supporting a wide variety of post-secondary institutions across Canada as they onboard to MyCreds," says Joanne Duklas, executive lead of the ARUCC National Network. "Today, we are thrilled to welcome Lethbridge College to the network. We are pleased to partner with the college to extend their digitized service delivery by using innovative technology to provide virtual credential wallets for their learners."

MyCreds.ca enables academic records such as transcripts to be certified digitally and securely stored online. Lethbridge College students and grads will have direct and any time access to their records, to view, download and share with anyone they choose. More information about this new process can be [found on the college's website](#).

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 Lethbridge College

Lethbridge College was founded in 1957 as Canada's first publicly funded community college and is ranked as one of the top 50 research colleges in Canada. More than 6,500 students in more than 65 certificate, diploma, applied degree, pre-employment and apprenticeship programs. Students can choose from a variety of in-demand programs, including criminal justice, health and wellness, environmental science, engineering technologies, agriculture and more, as well as providing exceptional trades training and straightforward transfers into other two and four-year post-secondary institutions. Students from all backgrounds – including Indigenous and international students – benefit from robust student supports, small class-sizes and skilled instructors with experience in the fields they now teach in.

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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