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The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies issues academic documents digitally with the MyCreds™ virtual wallet

Effective today, the **Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT)** joins MyCreds™, the National Network and virtual credential wallet of the Association of Registrars of the University and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC). Through the MyCreds™ platform, students, and alumni of SIIT will be able to manage, view, and share their official educational documents digitally.

Starting with the issuing of educational transcripts and the awarding of digital badges for a selection of its programs and related micro credentials, SIIT will eventually move towards digital parchments for certificates and diplomas, and other academic documents as the rollout of the MyCreds™ platform takes place.

"We are excited to be able to bring this resource to our institution and provide our students and alumni with 24/7 access to their credentials and educational documents," said Andrea Sanderson, Academic Registrar at the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies. "This shift to issuing official documents electronically through MyCreds™ will bring about increased administrative efficiencies, provide greater convenience and ease of access to documents, and support the agency and mobility of our learners."

Through MyCreds[™], 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[™] are tamper-evident and cryptographically signed, making them authentic and official.

"Helping the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies join MyCreds represents an important expansion of digital support services for students," says Joanne Duklas, ARUCC MyCreds Executive Lead. "This next stage of service improvement will allow their learners 24/7 access to view and share their documents with other schools and potential employers. We are excited to support SIIT on this journey and look forward to their planned expansion."

About MyCreds™

<u>MyCreds™</u> 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 <u>www.mycreds.ca</u> for more details or contact ARUCC's Executive Lead, Joanne Duklas at <u>info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca</u>.







About the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies

The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) was established in 1976 by First Nations leaders with a vision to provide quality post-secondary education to Indigenous peoples across Saskatchewan and beyond. As one of only four credit-granting post-secondary institutions in the province, and the only accredited Indigenous institution, SIIT provides adult learners with academic, vocational, and technical training, as well as services and supports for employment and career growth. With three principal campuses, nine career centres, two mobile job connection units, and over 30 community learning sites located across Saskatchewan, Indigenous learners are at the core of SIIT, representing over 95 percent of the student body. For more information, please visit www.SIIT.ca.

About ARUCC

The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (<u>ARUCC</u>) owns <u>MyCreds™</u>. 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 MyCredsTM. 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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