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Athabasca University joins MyCreds™ to issue official digital documents

Athabasca University (AU) launches MyCreds[™], the National Network owned by the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (<u>ARUCC</u>).

Athabasca University students and alumni will now have 24/7 access to digital documents in their own virtual credential wallet. This collaboration with MyCreds™ enables secure issuing, exchange, and verification of official digital documents from across Canada and around the world—so AU learners can be confident their most up-to-date documents, badges, and credentials will get where they need them to go.

Within the MyCreds[™] platform, students and graduates will be able to share their documents directly with institutions and organizations already operating within the MyCreds[™] platform, or share with those not operating in the platform by entering an email address for the recipient of their choosing. Once learners have created an account, they will be able to access their digital transcript and share it an unlimited number of times within a 365-day period.

"As Canada's Open University we are excited to be joining MyCreds™, Canada's new, official credential wallet for post-secondary learners and graduates," says Angela Kuzyk, Interim Registrar, Athabasca University. "We are pleased to offer this access to Athabasca University students, making it easier for them to share their digital transcripts in a secure environment."

"We're delighted to support Athabasca University as they introduce ARUCC's MyCreds™ National Network," says Joanne Duklas, Executive Lead, ARUCC MyCreds™. "We commend the university's commitment to adopting technology to enhance education and prepare graduates for success with a secure method to share their academic achievements."

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 for more details.

About Athabasca University (AU)

Athabasca University (AU) is one of the world's foremost and fastest-growing online and open education institutions, serving over 38,000 students across 81 countries. AU is the second-largest university in Alberta. AU offers online bachelors, masters, and doctorate programs alongside online courses for both personal learning and professional development. It is uniquely founded on the principles of flexibility and







openness, giving students control over their studies so they can learn whenever and wherever it is right for them. For more information, please visit www.athabascau.ca.

AU is one of four <u>Comprehensive Academic and Research Universities in Alberta</u> and is the first Canadian university to be accredited by the <u>Middle States Commission on Higher Education</u>. The commission is one of six regional accrediting agencies in the U.S. recognized by the <u>Council for Higher Education</u> Accreditation.

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 by Parchment

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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