



# Media Release

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## Red Deer Polytechnic to issue official digital documents through MyCreds<sup>™</sup>

**Red Deer, September 5, 2023** – Starting on September 5, Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP) students and graduates will have 24/7 access to official transcripts, parchments and letters of completion in their own secure virtual credential wallet.

Through a new partnership with the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC), RDP students and graduates will receive and manage their documents through the MyCreds™ platform.

MyCreds<sup>™</sup> provides secure and convenient access to academic documents, allowing students and graduates to share these with other colleges and universities, government, employers and third parties. Documents issued through MyCreds<sup>™</sup> are tamper-evident and cryptographically signed, making them authentic and official.

"Red Deer Polytechnic is committed to providing students with seamless access and services, and our partnership with ARUCC to offer academic documents through MyCreds<sup>TM</sup> is an important new aspect of this," says Dr. Trish Nuyten, Interim Dean of Enrolment Management and Registrar. "By providing students and graduates with this new pathway to access and share their digital documents, we are offering them more opportunity and agency to connect with educational institutions and employers through an innovative, convenient method."

"The launch of Red Deer Polytechnic on MyCreds™ illustrates the growing impact of digital service in Alberta," says Jennifer Crothers, ARUCC Western post-secondary board representative and Associate Vice President, Student Progression and Registrar at NAIT. "Over 50% of Alberta's colleges and universities, which collectively account for over 80% of post-secondary enrollments within the province, have enthusiastically embraced MyCreds™. This widespread adoption can be attributed to the platform's seamless 24/7 service, offering convenient access to official academic documents through a digital wallet. This approach aligns perfectly with the needs of contemporary mobile learners, who often require timely assistance. Kudos to Red Deer Polytechnic for making the leap."

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#### 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 or email info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca.

### **About Red Deer Polytechnic**

Focused on advancing the economic and social priorities of Alberta, Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP) provides more than 80 industry-relevant programs and a breadth of credentials to approximately 10,000 credit, non-credit, and apprenticeship students. With modern teaching and learning spaces, and state-of-the-art research and innovation centres, RDP provides education and applied research opportunities in partnership with industry and communities.

Red Deer Polytechnic's main campus is located on Treaty 7, Treaty 6 and Métis ancestral lands. This is where we will strive to honour and transform our relationships with one another.

For more information, please visit: <a href="mailto:rdpolytech.ca">rdpolytech.ca</a> | <a href="twitter">twitter</a> | <a href="facebook">facebook</a> | <a href="instagram">instagram</a>

#### **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 by Parchment 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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