



MEDIA RELEASE

Two More Nova Scotia Schools Join MyCreds™

December 18, 2023 - MyCreds™, the leading Canadian digital credentialing platform, is proud to announce the expansion of its network with the inclusion of two more Nova Scotia post-secondary institutions: Acadia University and St. Francis Xavier University. This significant development underscores Nova Scotia's and MyCreds™' commitment to enhancing the academic experience, providing convenience and ensuring cyber secure solutions for academic credentials for students, institutions and the broader education community.

The goal of this province-wide program is to enlist all 11 post-secondary institutions in Nova Scotia into the MyCreds™ Network. The Nova Scotia Department of Advanced Education, the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents (CONSUP), EduNova and ARUCC MyCreds™ have joined forces to provide support, leadership and funding for this ambitious endeavor. Dalhousie University, Mount Saint Vincent University, Université Sainte-Anne and the University of King's College were the first to join. With the inclusion of these two distinguished post-secondary institutions, the number of participating schools has now surged to an impressive six. This collaborative effort signifies a significant leap forward in educational innovation. Stay tuned for more updates on this pioneering initiative.

Quotes

Nova Scotia Department of Advanced Education

“As Minister, I’m pleased that more post-secondary institutions have joined the MyCreds™ network and will realize the significant benefits and that more students will be able to access their academic credentials through the MyCreds™ platform. My department will continue to make investments in programs and partnerships that will provide students with a positive post-secondary education experience.” – Brian Wong, Minister of Advanced Education

Nova Scotia Schools Steering Committee

As Chair of the NS MyCreds™ steering committee, I'm thrilled to see two more of our post-secondary institutions joining the network. The expansion of our participation with MyCreds™ is a testament to Nova Scotia's commitment to educational excellence and innovation. We are not only enhancing the individual experiences of learners, but also strengthening our collective commitment to student access, service, and mobility. I remain grateful for the continued and



positive collaboration across the Department of Advanced Education, CONSUP, EduNova, and ARUCC, and with our colleagues across the provincial post-secondary network.

EduNova

“MyCreds™ is providing post-secondary institutions across Nova Scotia with the digital infrastructure to facilitate admissions, registrations, graduations and support student transitions into the workforce,” says Shawna Garrett, president & CEO of EduNova. “We are delighted that all students in Nova Scotia’s public post-secondary system will be able to share their academic records securely and seamlessly as they chase their dreams and pursue their education and career goals.”

Acadia University

“MyCreds™ provides a next level option for Acadia University learners, both current and past, to have ready access to their secure digital documents – including transcripts, verifications of enrolments and degree parchments”, says Mark Bishop, registrar at Acadia University. “It permits students to securely view, and share those documents at their discretion, as well as track who has accessed their documents. It shifts the distribution of documents according to student’s needs and timelines, rather than those of the institution. MyCreds™ is the evolution of document distribution for today’s learner.”

St. Francis Xavier University

“At St. Francis Xavier University (StFX), we are constantly looking for ways to improve our services and supports to students”, says Tara Buksaitis, StFX registrar and director of enrolment planning. “The implementation of the MyCreds™ platform will advance these supports and provide a modern and secure way for students to access official documents. Given the features of the platform, our students, and graduates will be able to manage their documents and control who they share them with, and when, during their academic journey and beyond. I can’t think of a better service to provide our students.”

MyCreds™

“The addition of these Nova Scotia institutions to the MyCreds™ network marks a significant milestone in the evolution of digital credentialing,” says Romesh Vadivel, ARUCC MyCreds™ Project Board Director. “It underscores MyCreds™ commitment to facilitating secure, efficient and user-friendly access to digitized academic credentials. By offering a comprehensive suite of services, including transcripts and badges, MyCreds™ is working together with the province to empower students and enhance their opportunities in both academic and professional spheres. We applaud the government and Nova Scotia’s higher education leadership for their pioneering efforts.”

About

Acadia University

Founded in 1838, Acadia University is one of the oldest and most respected liberal arts universities in Canada. Acadia is authorized to grant degrees and credentials via the Nova Scotia Government's Acadia Act, and programs are accredited through the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC). Acadia's 3,574 students come from nearly every province and nearly 60 countries to take advantage of diverse academic programs, a curriculum that encourages personal development, and collaborative learning experiences.

St. Francis Xavier University

St. Francis Xavier University is a public, board-governed comprehensive university and has been authorized by the Government of Nova Scotia through the Act of Incorporation and By-Laws of St. Francis Xavier University to grant certificates, diplomas, and degrees at the undergraduate and graduate level. StFX is situated in Antigonish, Nova Scotia and stands on the lands of Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded home of the Mi'kmaw.

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.

About EduNova

EduNova is a co-operative non-profit industry association of education and training providers in Nova Scotia, Canada. With an office in the province's capital city of Halifax, they are the only provincial education and training co-operative in Canada.

About CONSUP

The Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents ([CONSUP](#)), founded in 1982, is an informal body consisting of the presidents of the ten degree-granting institutions in the province. The objectives of the Council are to work for the improvement of higher education in Nova Scotia, to exercise leadership in matters concerning post-secondary education, to promote cooperation and interuniversity planning among those institutions listed in the membership, to be the channel of collective communication between the universities and the government, as well as between the universities and other bodies or individuals.



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 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.

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