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Ryerson University shifts to ARUCC's MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ credential wallet platform

Ryerson University leverages new digital technologies, shifting to the MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ credential wallet platform to enhance student mobility and employability.

Today Ryerson University officially transitions to <u>MyCreds™ | MesCertif™</u>, the digital credential wallet of the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) National Network. Through the <u>MyCreds™ | MesCertif™</u> platform, Ryerson students and graduates will now be able to securely access and share digitized, portable academic documents online – anytime, anywhere.

Ryerson has been progressive in moving towards a modern learning environment and adopting digital advancements to support its students. As the COVID-19 pandemic shut down campuses and forced graduation ceremonies to be held virtually, finding means to issue academic documents electronically became a top priority for the university.

"The MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ learner wallet and digitization of Ryerson's academic credentials represent a significant milestone in our journey to empower students with innovative tools and to create modern, sustainable business practices," says Charmaine Hack, Registrar at Ryerson University. "We are excited to partner with ARUCC to leverage the power of new and emerging technologies that support learner mobility, lifelong learning, employment and career transitions."

Ryerson entered the digital credential environment by launching as a proof of concept on the Irish Digitary core in summer 2020 as the first institution in Canada to participate in a global network of digital document exchange. Today they are officially shifting to the MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ core powered by Digitary, already having provisioned nearly 18,000 Ryerson students and graduates with credential wallets to date.

On Ryerson's class of 2020 virtual graduation day in June, the university issued their first round of e-awards to the graduating students followed by e-transcripts. Ryerson used the platform to further empower learners, issuing proof of enrolment letters to students via the online wallet in December 2020. MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ will revolutionize the accessibility of credentials to all learners and will support Ryerson students before, during and after their experience at the university.

Ryerson University MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ video







"MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ is a game-changing grassroots initiative, purpose-designed for learners, and conceived and led by ARUCC on behalf of our Canadian higher-ed community", says Romesh Vadivel, President of ARUCC. "As one of the very first Canadian adopters of the Digitary functionality, we are thrilled to now have Ryerson University launch on the new Canadian MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ core, and can't wait to onboard other Canadian institutions and organizations into our growing ecosystem, for the benefit of all of our students."

About MyCreds™ | MesCertif™

MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ credential wallet features 24/7 access for learners to view and share their verified and official transcripts, credentials, and documents in a digitized format. Secure, cryptographically signed documents can be sent conveniently and require no further verification. The platform not only creates efficiencies to what was once a paper-based process, but also plays a significant role in mitigating credential fraud. Visit www.mycreds.ca for more details.

About Ryerson University

Ryerson University is Canada's leader in innovative, career-oriented education. Urban, culturally diverse and inclusive, the University is home to more than 46,000 students, including 2,900 Master's and PhD students, 3,800 faculty and staff, and over 200,000 alumni worldwide.

About ARUCC

The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (<u>ARUCC</u>) owns <u>MyCreds™</u> | <u>MesCertif™</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. For more information about <u>MyCreds™</u> | <u>MesCertif™</u>, contact the ARUCC's executive lead, Joanne Duklas, at <u>info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca</u> or visit <u>https://mycreds.ca/</u>.

About Digitary

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 organisations in over 135 countries. For further details visit www.digitary.net.

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