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Digital credentials now issued to SAIT students with the MyCreds™ virtual wallet

SAIT is the first polytechnic in Alberta to launch MyCreds™, the National Network owned by the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC).

Effective today, students and graduates of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) will now have 24/7 access to parchments and transcripts in their own virtual credential wallet.

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.

"MyCreds™ will be a fantastic addition to SAIT, and really beneficial to students. The platform is accessible and straightforward, and proves to be much more efficient in terms of processing times," says Alexia Carreon, SAIT graduate. "As a former student, the platform allows me to have my documents accessible anytime, and whenever I would need them in the future. I won't need to worry about misplacing them too!"

"We are excited to partner with ARUCC to join MyCreds™," says Dr. Neera Arora, SAIT Registrar. "This partnership services a dual purpose for us – the ability to share and receive secure digital wallets provides our students autonomous control and promotes the authenticity of their credentials and the organizational reputation for high-quality applied education."

Arora adds, "the partnership with ARUCC is a natural fit for the institution, as SAIT is a global leader in applied education and a community of thinkers, creators and champions leading change and reimagining the workforce of tomorrow. The credibility and reliability of the applied education programs are the foundation of SAIT – a foundation protected by quality education and authenticated academic credentials."

MyCreds™ provides tremendous benefits for SAIT learners and the institution, including:
- Enables student mobility: The ability to exchange academic data digitally and quickly aids faster transfer credit assessments. It is easier and faster for students.
- Exceptional student and alumni services: With MyCreds™, there will be 24/7 service for students and alumni to access and share their digitalized official academic documents anywhere/anytime which is a vast improvement over manual processing time and waiting for transcripts and other documents to arrive by mail.
- Improved applicant services: Admission decisions can be made faster for in-province, out-of-province, and international students.
- Supports student and alumni career goals: With all official, verified documents available digitally in their credential wallet, students and alumni can prove their educational credentials on the spot to prospective employers and others, worldwide.

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"Alberta institutions are trailblazing in joining the ARUCC MyCreds™ National Network, and SAIT's adoption of the platform represents an important milestone in this journey," says Romesh Vadivel, president of ARUCC. "This key advancement will enable SAIT to further modernize important components of its service delivery, which will reap benefits for its students. ARUCC is thrilled to partner with SAIT to further its mission to support learner mobility into the workforce and beyond."

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 enables peer-to-peer official document and data sharing between issuing organizations such as colleges and universities. 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 contact ARUCC's Executive Lead, Joanne Duklas at info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca.

About SAIT
Established in 1916, SAIT was the first publicly funded technical school of its kind in North America. Today, SAIT is a global leader in applied education, delivering relevant, skill-oriented education to more than 36,000 people annually. With more than 250,000 alumni in more than 110 countries, SAIT offers three baccalaureate degrees, three applied degrees, 84 diploma and certificate programs, 27 apprenticeship trades and more than 1,100 continuing education, corporate training, camps and other open registration courses. Curriculum at SAIT is developed through industry partnerships to ensure graduates have the skills and knowledge required in the workplace. In Fall 2020, with a historic gift from philanthropist David Bisset, SAIT opened its ninth school — the School for Advanced Digital Technology. SAIT is honoured to be selected by Mediacorp Canada Inc. as one of Alberta's Top Employers for 2021.

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 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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