

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Seneca joins collaborative national network supporting student mobility

#### ARUCC creates Canada's official credential wallet and trusted document exchange network

Seneca has taken the next steps in its digital adoption strategy by joining Canada's official credential wallet and national network led by the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC). Called the [ARUCC National Network](#), it provides students with the ability to access and share official, digitized transcripts, credentials, badges and microcredentials — anytime and anywhere.

Pioneered by ARUCC and powered by Digitary's global digital credentials platform, the Network is unique in scope and moves Canadian higher education to the forefront of innovation by providing a trusted credential engine built for learners. By joining, Seneca will unite with other Canadian colleges and universities that have collaborated to create this national credential wallet and trusted, online document exchange platform.

The Network is the first of its kind in Canada and will provide three million learners nationwide with a secure, permission-based platform for accessing and sharing their official documents and credentials. The initiative supports student mobility as they transition into, between and beyond postsecondary institutions in Canada on their educational journey into the workplace. The Network also protects them, institutions and government from increasing document fraud.

Other key features of the ARUCC National Network include:

- 24-7 access for learners
- bilingual service and support in French and English
- ability for learners to access, view and share their verified and official transcripts, credentials, badges, microcredentials and documents in a digitized format
- ability for Canadian postsecondary institutions and higher education partners to work together with the network to exchange official documents — with permission of the learner

"Providing secure, verified digital credentials to our students is incredibly important and hugely valuable in supporting them as they embark on their future employment," said Sharon Kinasz, Seneca's Registrar. "We are delighted to join the ARUCC National Network powered by Digitary as we embrace digital adoption and enhance our sustainability practices at Seneca. Our enhancing supports for our students, graduates and alumni demonstrate Seneca's dedication to supporting the learner's experience through innovative digitization."

"We are thrilled to collaborate with Seneca and extend the benefits of trusted digital credentials through a secure, national platform — the very first of its kind for Canada," said Joanne Duklas, ARUCC's Executive Lead. "Our ultimate mission for the ARUCC National Network is to deliver a portable credential wallet to the three million postsecondary learners across Canada. Powered by Digitary technology, we are supported by global digital credentials experts who are skilled at implementing scalable, national solutions that make sense for students."

"Digitary has always been learner-focused in everything that we do, and we strongly relate to ARUCC and Seneca's mission to enhance the experience and digital capabilities offered to students. In providing effective digital solutions and verified academic credentials, we can support learners' global mobility and their journey through employment," said James Murray-Beckman, Digitary's Chief Operating Officer. "We're delighted to welcome Seneca to the ARUCC National Network powered by Digitary and will continue to support ARUCC and its partners to extend the digital capabilities to all learners across Canada."

### **About Seneca**

Combining career and professional skills training with theoretical knowledge, Seneca provides a polytechnic education to 30,000 full-time and 60,000 part-time students. With campuses in Toronto, York Region and Peterborough and education partners around the world, Seneca offers degrees, graduate certificates, diplomas and certificates in more than 300 full-time, part-time and online programs, now most of them virtually. Seneca's credentials are renowned for their quality and respected by employers. Co-op and work placements, applied research projects, entrepreneurial opportunities and the latest technology ensure that Seneca graduates are highly skilled and ready to work. [Learn more about Seneca.](#)

### **About the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC)**

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. [Learn more about ARUCC.](#)

### **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 organizations in over 135 countries. [Learn more about Digitary.](#)

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