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Launch of the FNUniv Indigenous Continuing Education Centre and Access for Learners to a Digital Credential Wallet

Regina, Saskatchewan – As Canada’s only national Indigenous-owned post-secondary institution, with established community-based programs, it is a natural expansion for the First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv) to establish an Indigenous Continuing Education Centre (ICEC). The Indigenous Continuing Education Centre will strengthen connections, communities, and economies by sharing Indigenous knowledge by providing inclusive, accessible, and recognized learning opportunities.

ICEC provides distinct Indigenous-focused non-accredited, short course programming for individuals, professionals, businesses, and communities – both Indigenous and non-Indigenous. Successful learners of the ICEC course offerings will earn digital credentials in badges, micro-credentials, and professional certificates. Increasingly, micro-credentials are recognized within corporate Canada to enhance employability by up-skilling and increasing competencies. The First Nations University of Canada is in partnership with the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) and MyCreds™ to provide verified credentials electronically to all learners.

ICEC current course offerings include the FNUniv Board Governance Program, in partnership with the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, and 4 Seasons of Reconciliation, one of the most in-demand courses to date. The 4 Seasons of Reconciliation is a multi-media teaching unit that promotes a renewed relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canadians through transformative multi-media learning. Productions Cazabon, Reconciliation Education, an award-winning film & media production company, produces the resources collaborating with the First Nations University of Canada.

As the Centre evolves, course offerings will expand and be made available through various delivery methods over the next few months. ICEC is committed to providing quality professional development to individuals, organizations, and communities.

“The ICEC is a pathway for a personal and professional learning journey through education. The Centre promotes a renewed relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canadians through transformative learning about truth and reconciliation, and it offers much-needed programming for Indigenous people and communities” says Reila Bird, Director, Indigenous Continuing Education

Centre. “With the partnership between FNUUniv, ARUCC and MyCreds™, all learners can have 24/7 access to their digital credential wallet made shareable in a digital format anytime and to anyone they choose.”

Individuals or organizations interested in receiving more information on the Indigenous Continuing Education Centre and available courses may contact the Director at icec@firstnationsuniversity.ca or visit www.fnuniv.ca/icec.

About First Nations University of Canada

The First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv) was founded in 1976 and is a First Nations owned post-secondary institution that aspires to have transformative impact by bridging our ceremonies, knowledge keepers, languages, and traditions with the delivery of high-quality post-secondary education that will lead to the pride and success of all students, First Nations communities and Canada. For more information about FNUUniv, please visit <http://fnuniv.ca>.

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