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Edwards School of Business- CPHR Saskatchewan Accredits Post Secondary Program

March 10, 2021 – CPHR Saskatchewan congratulates the University of Saskatchewan, Edwards School of Business, on the accreditation of their Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Human Resources program. Graduates from April 2015 and onward are eligible to waive the National Knowledge Exam (NKE) with an overall cumulative average of 70% or higher.

This is CPHR Saskatchewan's second educational institution to become accredited along with Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Business Diploma in Human Resources.

For additional information regarding CPHR Saskatchewan's NKE Waiver, please visit our [website](#).

"At Edwards School of Business, we recognize the value of having programs accredited as this demonstrates commitment to our students, industry and partners," says Keith Willoughby, Dean of Edwards School of Business. "We are excited to be the first CPHR accredited University in Saskatchewan. This designation is recognized nationally and opens doors for students as they start their Human Resources careers. Our partnership with CPHR Saskatchewan demonstrates that Edwards School of Business and our students are committed to the highest standards of professional practice in HR."

The CPHR designation represents a commitment to a national standard of excellence and sets a benchmark for the practice of effective Human Resources. It emphasizes the strategic role of HR management in business and plays an important role in securing HR's position as an equal business partner at the executive table. The CPHR designation demonstrates to employers across Canada that you are an HR expert and adhere to CPHR Saskatchewan's Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

"Saskatchewan business has expectations for the human resources profession to support and influence best HR practice. Accredited programs establish the standards that govern the education and knowledge to ensure HR practitioners are skilled to deliver this HR practice in the workplace," says Nicole Norton Scott, CEO and Registrar CPHR Saskatchewan.

The Chartered Professionals in Human Resources (CPHR) Saskatchewan is the premiere professional association for human resource professionals. The association is the granting body of the Chartered Professional in Human Resources (CPHR) designation within the Province of Saskatchewan. CPHR Saskatchewan works to foster public confidence in the HR profession by acting in the public interest and promoting professional excellence. As a member of the Chartered Professionals in Human Resources of Canada (CPHR Canada), CPHR Saskatchewan is linked to over 21,000 CPHRs and 41,000 professionals collectively across Canada. CPHR Saskatchewan represents over 1,400 human resource practitioners from all industries and geographical areas of Saskatchewan.

More than 100 years ago, the University of Saskatchewan awarded the first undergraduate accounting degree, establishing us as one of Canada's oldest business schools. Today, the Edwards School of Business is an internationally accredited academic institution with the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). At the undergraduate level, we offer a robust Bachelor of Commerce program with six majors, study abroad options and a co-operative education program. At the graduate level, we offer a variety of Master's programs in Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, and Marketing. We also work closely with the business community through our Executive Education team by providing training and professional development opportunities.

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