

## POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

**Policy Number:** 217

**Categorized:** [Academic](#)

**Responsible Office:** Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services

**Subject:** Criteria and procedures for posthumous awards

**Related Policies:** [Diplomas](#)

**Procedures:** [217P](#)

**Additional Information:**

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### 1. Scope

This policy applies to students who are in their last semester of study and/or within 15 credits of degree completion at the time of death.

### 2. Policy Statement

Upon request, posthumous degrees and certificates may be awarded to students who are in their last semester of study and/or within 15 credits of degree completion, or within 25% of completion of a certificate program at the time of death. The award must be approved by the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services. The diploma will bear the notation "Awarded Posthumously."

### 3. Definitions

Posthumous: following or occurring after death.

### 4. Procedures

See [217P](#).

### 5. Authority

#### 5.0 Authority

VCCS Policy 5.1.7 Posthumous Awards