

POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

Policy Number: 217

Categorized: [Academic](#)

Responsible Office: Vice President of 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 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