



Operating Protocol & Procedure

Details:

Number: 321

Title: Graduation Honors

Category: Students

Office of Primary Responsibility: Records Office

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Purpose:

Designates the cumulative GPA (CGPA) necessary to qualify for graduation honors.

Applicability:

Students

Definitions:

Graduation Honors – A recognition of exceptional academic achievement throughout a student’s academic career bestowed at graduation. PCC recognizes three levels of academic distinction:

- Cum Laude (“With Honor”) - 3.50 to 3.749 cumulative GPA;
- Magna Cum Laude (“With Great Honor”) – 3.75 to 3.99 cumulative GPA;
- Summa Cum Laude (“With Highest Honor”) – 4.00 cumulative GPA.

References:

None

Attachments/Related Documents:

None

Operating Protocol:

Graduation honors are awarded to students who complete the requirements for an Associate, Bachelor of Applied Science, or Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and earn a 3.5 or better cumulative grade point (CGPA) average at PCC. Only college-level courses completed at PCC will be included in the CGPA. The CGPA earned at the end of the student’s most recent Fall term is used to determine eligibility for the announcement of graduation honors at the Spring Commencement Ceremony.

Procedure:

Upon receipt of a student's Graduation Planning Sheet, Records staff will review the student's academic history. Upon determination that the student is eligible to graduate with honors, the honors will be recorded in the Banner student information system. The graduation honors designation will appear on the student's transcript in the "Degrees Awarded" section. Honors students who notify the Records Office that they plan to attend the annual Commencement Ceremony will have their graduation honors listed in the Commencement Program and announced as they are presented with their degrees.