



COLLEGE POLICY

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Policy purpose

Throughout the year, the college is informed of and/or experiences the sudden and tragic passing of students. Generally, we receive more than a dozen such notices during the year. As a result of these losses to the college community, the college administration, faculty and staff has developed a policy for honoring the memory of these individuals in a meaningful manner by awarding a degree or diploma for students who were near the completion of their program at the time of death, or in cases where a student suffers from a terminal illness that prevents the completion of their program of study.

Scope

Definitions

Policy

When a Madison College student death becomes known, and/or it is discovered that a Madison College student is terminally ill, and the student has completed at least 75% of credits needed for completion of program of study, the President will make a recommendation to the District Board to approve the awarding of an Honorary Associate Degree or Technical Diploma for the student. The Honorary Degree/Diploma would not infer any academic rights or privileges; it is intended to honor the student's pursuit of the credential.

Links to state/federal regulations

- State: [38.04 \(4\) b Technical College system board: powers and duties](#)

Supporting documents

Related policies