
Academic Recognition

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POLICY STATEMENT

New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) supports and recognizes student achievement through the awarding of various academic distinctions. Academic achievement is recognized through the granting of Honours, and/or the Highest Academic Standing in a Program award.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to describe the process and criteria whereby recognition of student academic achievement is recognized by NBCC.

SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

This policy applies to students who have successfully completed a certificate or diploma program who meet the criteria for Honours and/or Highest Academic Standing in a Program award.

1.0 DEFINITIONS

Program

- encompasses ALL students in the same program that are graduating in the same academic year, regardless of the delivery method. (for example, programs with both *in class* and *online* options are determined to be in the same program.

2.0 IMPLEMENTATION

The Registrar's Office verifies that the student meets all requirements for the awarding of academic recognition awards.

The Registrar's Office ensures that the student transcript indicates the official designation as awarded and is responsible for the retention of student records.

2.1 Honours

Honours designation recognizes a student's overall academic achievement upon successful completion of a certificate/diploma.

Students must have successfully completed all requirements of the certificate or diploma including all term courses and practicums/clinicals (i.e. work integrated learning) and be eligible for graduation.

An overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 and above will be recognized as honours.

2.2 Highest Academic Standing in a Program

The Highest Academic Standing in a Program award (awarded at a campus level) recognizes the student in each program who has successfully completed and achieved the highest academic standing within the program.

- Students must have successfully completed all requirements of the certificate or diploma including all term courses and practicums/clinicals (i.e. work integrated learning) and be eligible for graduation.
- An overall GPA of 3.0 is the minimum requirement for the Highest Academic Standing in a Program award. If no student in the program has achieved an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher, then no Highest Academic Standing in a Program award will be given for that program.
- If more than one student has the same GPA within a program, more than one award may be granted. Should there be identical GPAs (extended to three decimal points), the grade average (also extended to three decimal points) will be used to determine which student(s) has the highest standing.

2.3 Example Scenarios

If.....	then...
a group of students complete their program in February and then another class in the same program completes their program in June,	ONE award would be given to the entire group.
a program has a large enough in-take that they are split into two different classes,	ONE award is given regardless of the number of students graduating that year.
a program has more than one option (<i>for example</i> Business Administration: Accounting, Business Administration: Marketing,	EACH option will receive its own separate award.
a program has more than one delivery method (<i>for example</i> in class and online),	they are considered to be the same program and only ONE award will be given.
a student completes their program after June graduation,	they are included for award consideration in the following academic year.

3.0 OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS

GPA Calculation (1108.4655)

Student Standing (1113)

Certification and Graduation (1312)