

# Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

## Student Affairs

POLICY  
NAME: Posthumous Degrees

POLICY  
NUMBER: 3601

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### A. PURPOSE

To establish the requirements for the granting of a posthumous degree to a deceased student.

### B. DEFINITIONS

None

### C. POLICY

#### 1. Eligibility

The Colleges have the discretion to award a posthumous degree if at the time of the student's death, or at the time of withdrawal from the College due to medical necessity relating to a terminal illness, the student:

- Was enrolled in a degree bearing program and in good standing at the College; and
- Had attained senior status.

#### 2. Procedure

##### 2.1. Timeline

- The posthumously awarded degree shall be granted for the term in which the degree would have been earned had the student been able to complete the courses for which the student was registered.
- The decision to confer a posthumous degree must be made by the College of the student's attendance within two years of the death of the student.

##### 2.2. Notification Process

- Prior to the granting of a posthumous degree, the President shall notify the Chancellor of plans to note the degree in the commencement

program for the first term after approval of the posthumous award or the term for which the degree is awarded, whichever is later.

- The degree posting becomes a permanent entry on the student's transcript.

## **FORMS/APPENDICES:**

None

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## **SOURCE:**

<b>Legal Reference:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-306	State colleges; president; duties.
	Neb. Rev. Stat 85-308.01	State colleges; degree of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science; confer.

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