

**Policy Name:** Graduation Requirements - SCHS  
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**I. Policy**

Graduation Requirements.

**II. Purpose**

To define the eligibility for awarding degrees and participation in commencement.

**III. Scope**

This policy applies to associates that administer the awarding of degrees and students at Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS).

**IV. Definitions**

None.

**V. Policy Details**

To be eligible to receive a degree, a student must:

- Have a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Submit an Intent to Graduate form to the Office of Records and Registration.
- Complete at least 30% of credit hours required for the degree through instruction offered by the College.
- Complete all degree requirements by the end of the academic session in which the degree is to be conferred.
- Complete all program requirements.

**Commencement**

Commencement is held twice a year at the close of the fall and spring semesters. Students may participate in commencement if they have fulfilled all administrative responsibilities and are expected to complete all degree requirements in the semester for which they have applied to graduate. Students who complete degree requirements by the end of the academic session in which the degree is to be conferred will be eligible to participate in the next commencement. Official academic regalia is required to participate in commencement. Only cords and stoles issued by the College are permitted.

### **Graduation Honors**

**Graduation honors are awarded to undergraduate students who have maintained high levels of scholastic achievement. Levels of honor are:**

**3.50 - 3.749 with honor**

**3.75 - 3.899 with high honor**

**3.90 - 4.0 with highest honors**

### **Awarding of a Posthumous Degree**

A deceased student who did not complete all requirements for her/his degree at the time of death may be awarded a degree posthumously provided the following conditions are met:

- The student was currently enrolled or on an approved leave of absence at the time of death.
- The student was in good academic standing at the time of death.
- The student was within 20 credits of completing all requirements for his/her degree.

The awarding of the degree will be processed upon recommendation of the Campus Director and Dean of Academic Affairs after ascertaining that the conditions noted above have been met and final approval by the Vice President of the Richmond Higher Education Institutions has been obtained.

Notation in official college records:

- A notation that the degree was awarded posthumously will be made on the transcript, but not on the diploma.
- Commencement program: "Posthumous Degree." No Latin honors will be awarded. Other awards, as determined by the faculty, may appear in the program.
- Grades of "WA" (withdrawn administrative) are issued for each course in which the student was enrolled for the last term. No record will appear for future courses for which the student may have already registered but had not begun.

## **VI. Attachments**

None

## **VII. Related Policies**

None.

## **VIII. Disclaimers**

None

**IX. Version Control**

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