

RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT			
<b>Effective Date</b>	January 15, 2019	<b>Policy Type</b>	Academic
<b>Responsibility</b>	Vice- President, Academics and Research Director, of Student Experience	<b>Cross-Reference</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Academic Council Authority and Bylaws</li> <li>2. Graduation Policy</li> <li>3. Grading Policy</li> <li>4. Adv. Standing: Recognition of Other Learning Experiences</li> <li>5. Grading</li> <li>6. Recognition of Prior Learning</li> </ol>
<b>Approver</b>	Academic Council	<b>Appendices</b>	N/A
<b>Review Schedule</b>	This policy will be reviewed every 5 years from the effective date.		

## 1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. Grande Prairie Regional College (“GPRC” or “the College”) supports and recognizes student achievement in academic excellence through the awarding of various academic distinctions.

## 2. Background

- 2.1. GPRC’s Recognition of Academic Achievement Policy is designed to manage the granting of honours recognition for credit students of GPRC.

## 3. Policy Objective

- 3.1. To recognize academic excellence of students enrolled in credit courses and programs.

## 4. Scope

- 4.1. This policy applies to all students enrolled in credit courses and programs.

## 5. Definitions

- 5.1. “Academic Year” normally refers to the fall and winter semesters as defined in the College Calendar.
- 5.2. “Full Program Load” is an enrolment state in which the student is registered in the maximum number of credits over the minimum number of semesters required to complete a student’s program as outlined in the College Calendar.
- 5.3. “Letter of Academic Excellence” is a personal letter from the President of GPRC recognizing academic excellence.

- 5.4. “Program GPA” is the grade point average calculated from the grades of the courses completed toward a specific program.

### **6. Guiding Principles**

- 6.1. When a student demonstrates a high level of academic achievement in the course of their studies, one or more of the following honours may be appropriate at the end of the Academic Year, or upon graduation:

#### **6.1.1. Credential Honours**

6.1.1.1. Credential honours will be awarded to a student with a Full Program Load, enrolled in contiguous semesters, who successfully completes the requirements for a credential with a minimum Program GPA of 3.3 in the minimum duration, based on the applicable College Calendar.

6.1.1.1.1. First Class Standing – Students who complete the above requirements over one Academic Year in the process of achieving a Certificate or Diploma will receive the First Class Standing honour on their parchment and transcript.

6.1.1.1.2. With Distinction – Students who complete the above requirements over both Academic Years in the process of achieving a Diploma will receive the With Distinction honour on their parchment and transcript.

#### **6.1.2. President’s Honour Roll**

6.1.2.1. Awarded to a student enrolled in a minimum of 15 credits in both the Fall and Winter terms who, during an Academic Year, achieves a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

6.1.2.2. All courses for the Academic Year, including work practica, must be successfully completed. To be eligible, students cannot have any failing grades in the Academic Year being processed.

6.1.2.3. Qualifying students will receive a Letter of Academic Excellence from the President and their names will be presented to the Board of Governors.

## 7. Roles and Responsibilities

Stakeholder	Responsibilities
<i>Academic Council</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Approve and formally support this policy.</i></li> </ul>
<i>Vice-President, Academics and Research</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Review and formally support this policy.</i></li> </ul>
<i>Director of Student Experience</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ensure that all Transcripts and Parchments are appropriately updated for students to reflect the awarding of Credential Honours.</i></li> <li>• <i>Ensure that the appropriate reporting structure is in place for the extraction of President’s Honours award recipients</i></li> <li>• <i>Ensure that staff follow all guidelines related to the awarding of Academic Achievements.</i></li> </ul>
<i>President</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ensure that staff provide Letters of Academic Excellence to eligible students</i></li> </ul>

## 8. Exceptions to the Policy

8.1. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Vice-President, Academics and Research and documented by the Associate Registrar, with a copy sent to the President and CEO.

## 9. Inquiries

9.1. Inquiries regarding this policy can be directed to the Associate Registrar, Records or the Director of Student Experience.

## 10. Amendments (Revision History)

10.1. Amendments to this policy will be published from time to time and circulated to the College community.