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Philosophy

Academic honors are part of the School of Pharmacy and Health Profession's commitment to academic excellence. The purpose of academic honors is to encourage and reward students who demonstrate superior scholarship in the rigorous course of study of their academic programs. Academic honors are awarded each semester and upon graduation.

Dean's List

Full-time entry-level students who have completed a semester with a quality-point average of 3.5 or higher and with no grades of I, IX, IF, or X are placed on the Dean's List for that semester. Full-time entry-level students with a grade of SA (Satisfactory) in a given semester qualify for the Dean's List if at least one half of their semester course load is graded on a 4 point scale and a 3.5 quality point average is earned in those graded courses. Students who receive only SA grades in a given semester are not eligible for the Dean's List. Students included in the semester's Dean List will receive a letter from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs indicating the honor. Copies of the letter will be sent to the student's Academic Advisor and retained in the student's file within the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

Graduation Honors

Graduation honors are awarded to the top 15% of the students in each entry-level graduating class anticipated to graduate during in a specific year. Awardees must have at least a 3.65 grade-point average (GPA). Graduation honors are based on a student's work while enrolled in a professional program in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton University. To be eligible for graduation honors, a student must have completed at least half of the prescribed semester hours for the degree in the School. The diploma of a student who qualifies for graduation honors is inscribed "with Honors".

Graduation Honors are implemented using the following guidelines:

1. Entry-level students in each program will comprise a separate graduating class. Campus and distance pathway students in the same program will be considered as a single graduating class.
2. The lowest GPA of a student receiving Graduation Honors when a majority of students graduate (May for entry-level pharmacy and physical therapy; December for occupational therapy), will establish the minimum cumulative GPA for Graduation Honors for subsequent graduates within a graduation cycle (December and/or August, depending on the professional program). Any student graduating after the originally anticipated date but within the same calendar year will receive honors if they meet or exceed the minimum GPA established by the class.

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3. A student will not be eligible to receive Graduation Honors if he/she is found guilty of a violation of the codes of conduct described in the University's Student Handbook or the School's Misconduct Policy.

Information on specific class ranking is not provided to individual students at any time during their academic programs.

Program-Based Student Awards

Awards and other academic recognitions are regularly bestowed upon students by Program-based Awards Committees. The Chair of each Program Awards Committee shall inform Committee members about any act of misconduct or unprofessional behavior committed by award nominees that is documented in the academic record housed in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs. It will be the prerogative of each of the Program Awards Committees to decide if and/or how any such information will be used in the award recipient selection process.

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