CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA
POLICY NO: 1457

POSTHUMOUS BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AWARD

PURPOSE

A posthumous baccalaureate degree may be awarded to a student who, at the time of
death, had completed a substantial portion of the requirements for graduation, defined as
follows:

1. The student was enrolled at the university at the time of death, on an approved leave
of absence, or was an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces, federal military
reserve forces, and/or National Guard.

The student meets one of the following conditions:

1.1. The student was within 15 semester units of completing the minimum number of
semester units for their degree

1.2. The student had satisfactorily completed at least 120 semester units of
coursework and/or had completed at least 85% of all degree requirements and is
in good standing.

1.3. The student had a grade point average of 2.0 or higher for all units used in
calculating the grade point average.

2. Under exceptional circumstances (such as outstanding service to the university), the
President may, upon consideration of the recommendations of the faculty within the
deceased student’s major or concentration, that School’s Dean, and the Provost,
confer a posthumous bachelor’s degree to a student who, at the time of death, had not
completed the requirements set forth above. The Department Chair and the Dean of
the student's major will be responsible for evaluating the request against the criteria
above in consultation with the Registrar's Office, Office of Student Success, and
Dean of Students. If the request is granted, the Office of Student Success will partner
with the Dean of Students to contact the deceased's family to arrange for presenting
the diploma.

3. Students who do not qualify for a posthumous bachelor’s degree may be awarded a
Certificate of Achievement if the student was in good standing and had been enrolled
at CPP within the past three semesters prior to their death. The approval process for
the Certificate of Achievement is the same as for the posthumous degree.