

The University of North Texas at Dallas Policy Manual	Chapter # 6.000
<b><u>6.022 Awarding Posthumous Degrees</u></b>	Faculty Affairs

**Policy Statement.** The University of North Texas at Dallas may award posthumous baccalaureate and graduate degrees to deceased students who have successfully completed a substantial portion of their academic degree program at the time of death.

**Definitions.**

Substantial portion of an academic degree program. "Substantial portion of an academic degree program" means successful completion of sufficient coursework and research to be awarded a degree in the student's academic program at the end of the academic year in which the student's death occurred.

**Procedures and Responsibilities.**

1. Eligibility. A deceased student may be eligible for award of a posthumous baccalaureate or graduate degree under the following conditions:
  - a. The student is deceased;
  - b. The student was in good academic and good conduct standing at the time of death;
  - c. The student had successfully completed a substantial portion of his/her academic degree program requirement, as defined above.

Responsible Party: Associate Provost for Student Success

2. Requests to award a posthumous degree must emanate from the dean's office. The dean will forward the request to the Provost and Vice President of Academic Excellence and Student Success

Responsible Party: Academic Deans

3. Requests to award a posthumous degree must be recommended by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Excellence and Student Success. The Provost and Vice President of Academic Excellence and Student Success will forward the recommendation to the President of the University

Responsible Party: Provost and Vice President of Academic Excellence and Student Success

4. Final approval to award a posthumous degree will be made by the President of the University.

Responsible Party: President of the University

5. Upon approval by the President, the Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Excellence and Student Success will notify the family of students to be awarded a posthumous degree and will also arrange for the posthumous degree to be conferred at a regularly scheduled commencement unless the student's family expresses objection..

Responsible Party: Provost's Office

**References and Cross-references.** None

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