



**CONESTOGA**  
Connect Life and Learning

Approved by: **Academic Coordinating Committee**

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Policy Title: **Honourary Degree Policy**

### **Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of Conestoga to recognize and honour selected exceptional individuals who have achieved distinguished reputations at the provincial, national, or international level in education, public service, business, the professions or the arts, or who have made significant and important contributions to the College and/or the local community, through the bestowing of honorary credentials.

### **Scope:**

The following parameters are to be in place:

- active employees (defined as being someone currently employed by the college in any capacity), members of the Board of Conestoga, and students shall not be eligible.
- normally an active politician should not be recommended for an honorary degree/credential. However, there may be exceptional circumstances based on the individual's accomplishments, length of service, or contributions that are particularly relevant to Conestoga where this provision may be waived.
- posthumous honorary degrees/credentials will be considered. If a candidate passes away after accepting an invitation, but prior to convocation, the honorary degree/credential will be awarded to an individual designated by the recipient's family or other legal representative.

### **Policy Elaboration:**

For honorary degrees, the following PEQAB guidelines are to be followed:

- The only honorary applied degree that may be granted by the college is an Honorary Bachelor of Applied Studies.
- The college may not award more than one honorary applied degree per academic year, for each ministerial consent for an applied degree program in force at the time the honorary degree is awarded.
- The college may not charge any fees or payment from the (proposed) recipient of an honorary applied degree award.
- The recipient of the Honorary Bachelor of Applied Studies award must meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - has made a significant contribution to society;
  - has achieved noted accomplishments in a particular field of study or applied education; or
  - has enhanced or promoted the college's image and reputation in Ontario or elsewhere.
- If the college offers a joint baccalaureate degree in an applied area of study with one or more other colleges, each college offering the joint program may award one honorary applied degree per academic year provided the consent for the joint program remains in effect.

- The Minister may, from time to time, amend or add to the above conditions. The college shall comply with any such amendments or additions.

The college maintains the right to determine whether or not to award honorary degrees in any particular academic year.

**References:**

Honourary Degree Procedure

**Revision Log:**

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