



## Medicine Hat College Policy HONORARY APPLIED DEGREE

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### 1. OBJECTIVE

This policy provides a consistent framework and criteria for the awarding of an honorary applied degree at Medicine Hat College (MHC).

### 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all nominations for an honorary applied degree at MHC.

### 3. DEFINITIONS

- **Honorary Applied Degree:** an academic credential to honour the recipient for their contributions.

### 4. PRINCIPLES

- 4.1 MHC honours outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to education and/or demonstrate a commitment to values aligned with the college and community.
- 4.2 An honorary applied degree is one of higher education's most significant accolades.

### 5. DIRECTIVES

- 5.1 Honorary applied degrees are generally awarded for one of the following reasons
  - a) to recognize extraordinary intellectual or artistic achievement;
  - b) to honour service to the college and to the wider community municipally, provincially, nationally, or internationally); and
  - c) to honour both the grantee and the spirit of the institution.
- 5.2 Recipients must be alumni, former employees, former Board of Governors, former public officials, or community members.

- 5.3 Only the Board of Governors of MHC may authorize the award of an honorary applied degree. The Board's power to do so is codified in section 107 of the Alberta Post-secondary Learning Act.<sup>1</sup>
- 5.4 Members of the Board of Governors, MHC employees, and members of the public are authorized to nominate candidates to receive honorary applied degrees.
- 5.5 Honorary applied degrees are awarded at the annual convocation ceremony.
- 5.6 An honorary applied degree recipient shall not receive a speaker's fee or honorarium for accepting an honorary applied degree or delivering a commencement address or the equivalent.
- 5.7 Honorary applied degrees will be awarded in person, unless awarded posthumous.

## 6. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 **Vice-President, Academic** is responsible for overseeing the administration of the honorary applied degree.

## 7. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS

Alberta Post-secondary Learning Act

## 8. RELATED PROCEDURES

PR-GA-06-01: Honorary Applied Degree

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Kevin Shufflebotham  
President and CEO

Date: December 3, 2019

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## DOCUMENT HISTORY

December 2019 Revised policy

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<sup>1</sup> (Alberta Post-secondary Learning Act)