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Policy Title: **The Academic Policies Committee (APC) is charged with reviewing the cumulative GPA policy as it relates to UG certificates**

Policy Status: New

Revision

Supersedes existing policy titled: Click here to enter text.

Deletion

Policy Purpose/Reason: *Currently the entire current record of courses taken by an undergraduate student is considered when that student petitions to be awarded a certificate. This means that the GPA for all courses that do not include the certificate is taken into consideration.*

Effective Date of Policy (Note: Enter a date here only if the effective date is not next July 1): AY 2022-23

Background: The GPA for all courses that do not include the certificate is taken into consideration for awarding an undergraduate certificate. For example: the student who is going for a technical or professional certificate, has many non-major courses that create a cumulative CMU GPA below 2.00. Even if they get A's in the major/certificate courses because their CMU GPA is below 2.00, the certificate cannot be awarded. Students often start in essential learning and other major options discover that it is not the correct fit for them (thus the low GPA). Subsequently, students may find a certificate that would get them started in a desired career path. A GPA of less than 2.0 would require retakes of courses outside the certificate, which doesn't make sense for their new career path. For example, a nurse aid certificate only requires two classes. Students might have A's in the NURS Aid courses, but the certificate cannot be awarded as it would require retakes of essential learning courses. There are other examples in welding, machining, culinary arts, and other technical fields. APC reviewed peer & aspirational institutions certificate GPA policies. In addition, APC reviewed community college policies. Findings were discussed among APC members. Most institutions do not include a cumulative GPA or alternatively, the GPA expectation is defined by the department offering the certificate. The department certificate may require a GPA specific to their professional or technical field.

Definitions: Click here to enter text.

Full Policy Statement: Motion to remove the phrase "and for all courses taken at CMU" from the GPA requirement for UG professional or technical certificates taken at CMU (as described in the catalog). Motion carried form APC unanimously.

Exclusions or Special Circumstances: n/a

Policy Summary for Catalog: "Candidates for a Professional Certificate at Colorado Mesa University must satisfy all requirements specified on the certificate's program sheet with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher for all courses taken to satisfy program requirements." "Candidates for a Technical Certificate at

Colorado Mesa University must satisfy all requirements specified on the certificate's program sheet with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher for all courses taken to meet the certificate requirements."

Related Documents:

Policies: Click here to enter text.

Forms: Click here to enter text.

Other: See the current policy at: <https://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/requirements-undergraduate-degrees-certificates/requirements-degrees/undergrad-certificates/>

Approved by (signatures as applicable):

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