

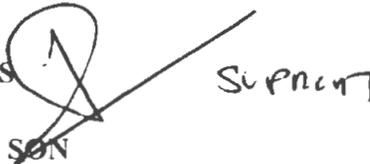
October 4, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew Platz, VCAA

VIA: Randy Hirokawa, Dean, CAS

FROM: Katharyn Daub, Director SON

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**SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII HILO DEAN'S LIST AND HONOR'S LIST TO
INCLUDE PROVISION FOR NURSING STUDENTS**

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

The University of Hawaii Hilo School of Nursing (UHH SON) requests provision be made for students in the BSN program to waive the "letter grade" requirement associated with credits required to earn recognition on both the Dean's List and Honors so that these students may have the opportunity to earn these distinguished recognitions.

ADDITIONAL COST: N/A

PURPOSE:

To modify current requirements for recognition on both the Dean's List and Honors so that BSN students may have the opportunity to earn these distinguished recognitions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to the UH Hilo catalog the criteria to earn recognition on the Dean's List reads "Shortly after the close of the Fall and Spring semesters, the names of all full-time undergraduate students enrolled for baccalaureate degrees who earned 12 or more semester credits for a **letter grade** at UH Hilo and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above in the preceding semester will appear on the Dean's List." According to the UH Hilo catalog the criteria to earn honors recognition at graduation reads, "at least 54 of the 60 applicable semester hours must be taken for a letter grade."

The UHH Students in the Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program follow a cohort schedule of 16 -18 credits per semester, however during a semester period, the theory courses with a letter grade assignment may total 9 credits, while the remaining and corresponding laboratory sections of the theory courses are graded as Credit/No Credit. The rationale for the laboratory section of the theory courses being assigned a credit/ no credit

schema is due to the difficulty in assigning a letter grade to individual clinical experiences that many times are based on variables such as inpatient census, patient acuity and so on. The high number of credits associated with these Credit/No Credit courses, that are required for nursing students, leaves these students ineligible for recognition on the Dean's List and for honors at graduation. Additionally, this high number of Credit/No Credit courses leaves the School of Nursing graduating BSN students with only 35 credits rather than the 54 credits required to be considered for the Honor's list.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

The University of Hawaii Hilo School of Nursing (UHH SON) requests provision be made for students in the BSN program to waive the "letter grade" requirement associated with credits required to earn recognition on both the Dean's List and Honors so that these students may have the opportunity to earn these distinguished recognitions.

The UHH SON proposes that students in the BSN program be eligible for recognition on the Dean's List based on the following criteria: BSN students who at UH Hilo maintained a GPA of 3.5 or above and received "Credit" in all Credit / No Credit courses in the preceding semester will appear on the Dean's List.

The UHH SON proposes that students in the BSN program be eligible for recognition on the graduating with Honors based on the following criteria: Graduating BSN students who have taken at least 35 credits of courses earning a letter grade with the same existing GPA criteria for Honors, High Honors, and Highest Honors will be considered for the Honor's list at graduation.

Each semester the UHH SON will supply a complete list identifying which students have earned Dean's List and Honor's recognition.

APPROVED / DISAPPROVED

 11/12/13
Matthew Platz Date