

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE  
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

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**TITLE OF POLICY:** KEEPER OF THE LIGHT

**ORIGINAL DATE:** SEPTEMBER 1, 1988

**LAST REVIEWED/REVISED:** DECEMBER 2007

**POLICY:** The senior student (s) with the highest GPA in the Traditional Prelicensure Program is designated the Keeper of the Light for the current graduating class.

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**PROCEDURE:**

1. Grades for all courses are averaged for all seniors in the Traditional Prelicensure Program. The student(s) with the highest average is honored at the annual pinning ceremony.
2. The grades averaged will include those of all seniors graduating from the Traditional Prelicensure Program in the prior August, December and current April terms.
3. The Keeper's name is announced for the first time at the Pinning Ceremony rehearsal. Relatives are notified beforehand.
4. In case of comparable records of achievement, more than one student may receive the award.

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