Dear Doctoral Candidate:

Graduation marks a very important step in your life, an occasion of celebration and achievement. To honor the School of Nursing graduates, in addition to the UW Madison’s Commencement Ceremonies, the school will host its Convocation Ceremony. The Convocation offers a personalized closure to your nursing education here at the University. The following information provides details about both of these celebrations to mark this important milestone in your life.

University Commencement for DNP and PhD Candidates

Friday, May 13       5:30 - 7:30 pm      Kohl Center

- Questions? Visit the link: http://commencement.wisc.edu/
- Commencement participants must wear a cap and gown. Academic attire can be ordered in person at the University Book Store (State St or HSLC), by phone, or on-line. For details, visit: http://www.uwbookstore.com/SiteText.aspx?id=23600. Attire can be rented or purchased and there are two different deadlines to be aware of.
  - The last day to order purchased attire is March 11th. You will only need to purchase the gown and hood. The school is making a gift of the doctoral tam and gold tassel.
  - The last day to order rental attire is April 11th (April 5th for online orders).
  - Academic attire can be picked up at the University Book Store on Wednesday, May 11th or Thursday, May 12th from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm.
- If you plan on attending the University Commencement, the School of Nursing will purchase your doctoral tam and gold tassel to honor your achievement. You must submit your head size/measurement to Kyle Sanger (ksanger@wisc.edu) in the Academic Programs Student Services Office by Thursday February 11th. Tams will be available for pick up in the Academic Programs Office approximately 1 week prior to University Commencement.
- There is no limit on guest seating for Commencement at the Kohl Center.
- Visit the Commencement website http://commencement.wisc.edu/ for accessibility information.
School of Nursing Open House
Sunday, May 15, 2016  9:30 - 11:00 am   Cooper Hall
- An open house will be held the morning of convocation for students, family, and friends.
- Cooper Hall will host self-guided tours, light refreshments will be served.

School of Nursing Convocation
Sunday, May 15
Convocation Ceremony 12:30 - 2:00 pm, Varsity Hall, Union South
- Students are asked to RSVP your participation by April 29 by contacting Kyle Sanger in the Academic Programs Student Services Office ksanger@wisc.edu.
- **Ticketed event** – Due to limited seating, graduates are limited to 5 tickets each for guests. A ticket will be required to enter Varsity Hall.
- Tickets will be available for pick up in Suite 1100 from Wednesday, April 13th, through Friday, April 29th.
- Additional tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis as of May 2nd. Historically, the school has been able to accommodate all ticket requests.
- Diploma covers will be presented to graduates during the Convocation Ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed to your home address approximately 12 weeks after graduation.
- Union South has accommodations for those guests with accessibility concerns.

School of Nursing Reception 2:00 pm, Union South Plaza
- No ticket required, everyone is welcome.

Additional Information
School of Nursing Graduation Announcements
- We will provide each student with printed announcements for the SoN Convocation. [Note: these are not tickets and are not necessary to present at the ceremony.]
- Announcements will be available for pick up in Suite 1100 starting on Wednesday, March 16th. There is no limit to the number of announcements a student may request.

Feel free to contact the Academic Programs Student Services Office with questions.
Continue to visit the SoN graduation website for updates:
  http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/cs_g/graduation/