Commencement & Convocation Information

February 8, 2016

Dear Undergraduate Student:

Graduation marks a very important step in the life of a student as 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
Saturday, May 14, 2016          12:00 noon – 1:15 pm      Camp Randall Stadium

• 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 until April 5th. Purchasing orders must be placed by March 11th to arrive in time for the ceremony. For details, visit: http://www.uwbookstore.com/SiteText.aspx?id=23600
• You can pick up your rental cap and gown at the University Book Store on Wednesday, May 4th. Walk-in Cap and Gown program begins at 10:30 am. Candidates walk in, pay rental fee ($35.00) and walk in fee ($20) and are provided with rental academic attire at once. Continues through 12:00 noon Friday May 13th.
• There is no limit on guest seating for Commencement
• 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.

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School of Nursing Convocation
Sunday, May 15, 2016  12:30 - 2:00 pm   Varsity Hall, Union South

- Students are asked to RSVP your participation by April 29 (see ticket information, below)
- Cap and gown are optional for the SoN Convocation. Business attire is also acceptable and typically the option of choice.
- **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. [Arrangements will be made for ticket distribution to BSN@Home students.] By accepting tickets, students are confirming that they will be attending Convocation (RSVP).
- 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 8 – 10 weeks after graduation.
- Union South has accommodations for those guests with accessibility concerns.

Reception 2:00 -3:30 pm, Union South Plaza
- No ticket required, everyone is welcome.

Additional Information

**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. [Arrangements will be made to distribute graduation announcements to BSN@Home students.]

**School of Nursing Pins**

- Undergraduate students who wish to purchase a nursing pin must place the order by Tuesday, February 23rd, to guarantee your pin will arrive before the end of the semester. Pins are expected to be delivered to the SoN by the second week of May and you will be notified of arrival.
- To purchase a pin as a memento of your education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing, go to the Student Net and follow the directions to place your order: [http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/docs/nursing-pin-jbrandt-ordering-instructions-2016.pdf](http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/docs/nursing-pin-jbrandt-ordering-instructions-2016.pdf).

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/](http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/cs_g/graduation/)