

Stony Brook University Commencement **School of Nursing Graduate Convocation**

When is Commencement?

On Friday, May 24, 2013, Stony Brook University will celebrate its 53rd Commencement Ceremony. The main ceremony will begin promptly at 11:00 AM in the Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium. For University Commencement information and distribution of commencement tickets, please visit:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/commencement.html>

When is the School of Nursing Convocation for our graduate students?

The School of Nursing's Graduate Convocation (Master's and Post-Master's students) will start at 10:00 AM sharp in the Auditorium in the Student Activities Center (SAC) on Thursday, May 23rd, 2013. Please begin arriving at 9:30 AM. This is a more personalized ceremony between your School of Nursing classmates and guests and the School of Nursing faculty instructors. For School of Nursing Convocation information, visit:

<http://nursing.stonybrookmedicine.edu/>

Are tickets required for guests?

Tickets are required for every guest who will attend the School of Nursing's Graduate Convocation (10:00 AM, May 23rd, SAC Auditorium). Each student will be given two tickets for their guests to attend this event. Graduates do not need tickets. Tickets must be presented by guests at the door for entry. **You may pick up your Convocation tickets between May 8th through May 10th, 2013 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the School of Nursing in the Office of Graduate Studies – Advanced Practice Nursing from either Kelly Reinhart or Dolores Bilges.** If available, an additional ticket (one per graduate) will be offered at a later date. If you do not have tickets for guests and family, they will not be able to attend either Commencement or Convocation. Student identification is required when picking up tickets.

Tickets are also required for every guest who will be attending the University Commencement Ceremony (11:00 AM, May 24th, Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium).

Are robes required?

All candidates planning to attend either Commencement or Convocation must be robed. Retainable RED caps, gowns and hoods can be purchased at the University Bookstores. For more information, visit:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/commencement-attire.html>

What takes place at the School of Nursing Convocation?

Faculty, students and platform guests proceed into the Auditorium in the Student Activities Center. The Dean provides a welcome, introduction of the platform participants, and introduces the Convocation Speaker. Following the Convocation address, students are announced individually to receive mock diplomas and walk across the stage.

What do I actually receive during Convocation?

You will be given a mock diploma as you walk across the stage. The actual diplomas will be mailed within eight to ten weeks after commencement.

When will I receive my diploma?

Your diploma, a symbol of academic excellence and perseverance, will arrive approximately eight to ten weeks after the ceremony. While this may seem like a long time, it is the time needed for our records office to verify the completion of your academic program. An additional few weeks are necessary for the printing, packaging and mailing of diplomas.

Can my family/guests take photos/videos?

Unfortunately, there is limited space at the staging area for outside photographers. Our ushers are instructed to keep non-participants away from the stage area so that the audience can view the ceremony. Your guests may take photos and/or videos from their seats. The cameras must contain their own battery packs since electrical outlets are not available. Please ask your guests to refrain from using bright lights with video cameras since these are often distracting to others.

How long does Convocation last?

The School of Nursing has maintained the tradition of announcing the names of all graduating students, the convocation should last approximately 2 hours. Students will remain in their seats until the recessional. At that point, all students proceed outside. Please make arrangements with family and guests to meet at a specific site outside the Student Activities Center after the ceremony.

Can I leave my coat and/or purses in the rooms in the Student Activities Center?

NO. The rooms in the Student Activities Center will NOT be locked or monitored during the ceremony. You will not be readmitted to the robing rooms after the processional starts or after the ceremony. Please leave coats, purses and other personal items with your guests.
