

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GRAD GUIDE

YOUR GUIDEBOOK FOR ALL THINGS
COMMENCEMENT 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PICKING UP YOUR CAP & GOWN, GUEST
TICKETS, SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS, AND MORE



CONGRATULATIONS

CLASS OF 2021!

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 — 1:00PM

HARTFORD HEALTHCARE AMPHITHEATER
500 BROAD STREET BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604

**IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE IN-PERSON COMMENCEMENT YOU MUST RSVP:
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/Z7YDBTCHRU](https://forms.office.com/R/Z7YDBTCHRU)**

COMMENCEMENT SITE & PARKING

The college will hold its Commencement at the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater in Bridgeport, CT at 1:00pm. Doors will close at 12:45pm no exceptions.

The ceremony will begin promptly at 1:00pm.

The Amphitheater is easily accessible from I-95 and the Merritt Parkway. Due to the likelihood of rush-hour traffic, please allow yourself extra time to arrive at the Amphitheater. *Parking is available at the Amphitheater free of charge.*

GRADUATE ENTRY & PROCESSION ASSEMBLY

Please arrive by 11:30 a.m. with your cap and gown. Allow plenty of travel time for traffic. All students must enter using the Main Entrance only and follow the signs to the check-in area. The check-in table is where you will receive your stage card and all of the final instructions pertaining to graduation. You will line up alphabetically within your major. The ceremony will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Students who have chosen to participate in the commencement ceremony must plan to stay for the entire ceremony.



SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you are a graduate with a disability and need special accommodations, please contact:

Fran Apfel, Coordinator of Accessibility Services

(203) 857-7192

FApfel@norwalk.edu

(no later than May 8th)

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

A photographer will be on stage to take pictures as you receive your diploma cover. An order form and proofs will be mailed to you from the photographer so that you can place your order directly with the studio. Guests are not permitted in the aisles to take photographs during the ceremony.

DIPLOMAS

All graduates will be given diploma covers on stage at commencement. Diplomas will then be mailed for May graduates at the end of July and August graduates at the end of October.





CAP & GOWN

Caps and Gowns are available for pick up at the NCC Bookstore beginning May 3rd until May 18th. A valid photo ID must be shown for pickup.

There is no charge for caps & gowns.

HONOR CORDS

Honor cords will be distributed at the Amphitheater prior to the ceremony to students who have honors (3.4) or higher.

GUEST TICKETS

Due to the social distancing guidelines, each graduate will receive four tickets. Children 3 and under will not need a ticket to enter. No one is allowed to pick up tickets for students. Left over tickets may not be shared with other graduates due to seating arrangements.

Tickets will be given out at the NCC bookstore when you pick up your cap and gown.



GUEST INFORMATION

Your guests should proceed directly to the Amphitheater's Main Entrance for seating prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please encourage your guests to arrive at the same time so that they can be seated together, but socially distant from other guests.

Although this is an outside venue, face masks are required and must be worn at all times.

Amphitheater policy is that all bags are subject to search. Please let your guests know that the following items are not allowed inside the Arena:



Food
Beverages
Helium Balloons
Confetti
Baby Strollers
Gifts
Flowers
Wrapped Packages



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is no place to leave your valuables. We recommend that you leave them at home, with a friend or lock them in the trunk of your car. No purses, please. Academic gowns do not have pockets. A waist or wrist pouch is the best. Remember to bring bobby pins for your mortarboard.

Each graduate will receive a bottle of water at check-in. There will be no food or snacks allowed once you have entered the building. We suggest that you and your guests eat prior to arriving to Commencement.

Are you transferring to another college? Let us know. Please email jweeks-osinowo@norwalk.edu!



Live Streaming of the Ceremony!

Graduates, family, and friends unable to attend the in-person ceremony, can celebrate from afar! Grab the family together, make some popcorn, and watch the entire event live streamed from NCC's official Facebook page.

