



Commencement Quick Guide



Spring 2024 Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 17 | 3 p.m.

Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

[Petition to graduate by Friday, April 5](#)

Doors open for students at 12:30 p.m. Students will enter through Medical Mutual Gate A only. Please arrive **in academic regalia** no later than 1:30 p.m. You will be directed to the staging location after signing in. Only graduates are permitted in this area.

Do not bring personal belongings (e.g., purses, coats) to the staging location, as they are not secured. You may not march with your personal belongings. Exceptions are for medical necessity (i.e. insulin).

Academic regalia is required in order to participate in Commencement. Appropriate attire is required under your gown. This does not include jeans, shorts, T-shirts, or athletic shoes.

The ceremony will last approximately two hours. Tri-C follows Cuyahoga County guidelines for mask mandates. For current updates visit tri-c.edu/coronavirus (see On Ground Guidance).

Academic Regalia

Purchase your academic regalia through [Barnes & Noble](#) bookstores on campus as a keepsake. Refer to the Commencement webpage for pricing. All sales are final. Contact your campus bookstore with questions.

Eastern Campus	216-987-2070
Metropolitan Campus	216-987-4550
Western Campus	216-987-5550
Westshore Campus	216-987-3908

Note: White stoles are provided to all students participating in graduation regardless of whether they purchase a cap and gown. They can be picked up in the Barnes & Noble bookstore.

Honors Cords

Students who have maintained at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA as of the end of Fall 2023 semester can pick up their honors cord Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the following campus locations beginning Monday, April 8:

- Eastern Campus Student Engagement (ESS 1303)
- Metropolitan Campus Student Engagement (MCC 200L2)
- Western Campus Student Engagement (WHCS A100)
- Westshore Campus Student Engagement (SLT 214)

Stoles

Stoles (other than the white ones provided by the College) are available for purchase from individual groups. Contact your affinity group (e.g., PTK, Black American Council, Lambda GSA) for ordering information.

Guests

Admission to the ceremony does not require a ticket; however, seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors to the Wolstein Center open at 2 p.m.

Guests may enter through any gate entrance. Visit the information table at Gate A for assistance with special accommodations.

Bag Policy

Guests may bring manufactured diaper bags, medical bags, clutches or fanny packs not exceeding 4.5" x 6.5" or a clear tote bag (vinyl, plastic or PVC) not exceeding 12" x 6" x 12". All other bag types are prohibited.

Ceremony

Turn off your cellphone and other electronic devices before the ceremony.

Students will be recognized by name and academic honor as they walk across the stage. Return to your seat afterward and **remain there for the duration of the ceremony.**

Diploma/certificate covers will be presented during the ceremony.

Diplomas

You can expect to receive your diploma within two months of the ceremony. Diplomas, certificates and letters will be sent via USPS to the address on file with the College's Office of the Registrar.

Make sure your information is up to date. You can update your name or address online via [my Tri-C space](#). [Click here for instructions](#).

Photographs

A professional photograph is taken of each graduate as they proceed across the stage. You will receive a proof of your photo along with ordering information about seven days after the ceremony. Contact [Grad Images](#) for more information.

Special Assistance

Graduates who need special assistance for the processional, walking on stage and/or seating accommodations should contact Western Campus Student Affairs at SADean-West@tri-c.edu.

Service animals are the only animals permitted in the building. A service animal is one trained to assist a person with a disability.

Sign interpreters will be present at the event. If you need an interpreter to assist you, email SADean-West@tri-c.edu.

Streaming Ceremony

Commencement ceremonies will be livestreamed on the [College's Facebook page](#) and the Tri-C website.

Parking

Graduate parking

- Central Garage (CG)
Corner of Chester Avenue and East 21st Street
See the [CSU campus map](#).

One complimentary parking pass and map will be available for each graduate at the campus locations listed below from Monday, April 8, to Thursday, May 16, at 5 p.m.

- Eastern Campus Student Engagement (ESS 1303)
- Metropolitan Campus Student Life (MCC 200L2)
- Western Campus Student Engagement (WHCS A100)
- Westshore Campus (SLT 214)

Note: Cars without this parking pass will pay standard rates.

Guest parking

- Several public parking lots are available in the general CSU area (standard rates apply).

Share your Tri-C pride on social media

Be sure to tag your post with #TriCGrad!

In Case of Class Conflicts

Students should work with faculty members in the event classes, finals or clinicals interfere with attending Commencement.

All information is subject to change.

Check the [Commencement webpage](#) periodically for the most current information.

QUESTIONS? Contact the College Information and Enrollment Support Center at 216-987-6000 (Press 0) or email customerservice@tri-c.edu.