Commencement Quick Guide

Fall 2021
Commencement Ceremony
Thursday, Dec. 16 | 6 p.m.
Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

RSVP to the Ceremony
RSVP at www.tri-c.edu/commencementRSVP

While inside the Wolstein Center, masks will be required at all times and visitors are to maintain a 3’ social distancing.

Please arrive at your robing location in academic regalia no later than 4:30 p.m. You will be directed to the location after you sign in upon arrival. Note, only graduates are permitted in this area.

Do not bring personal belongings (e.g. purses, coats) to the robing location, as they are not secured. You may not march with your personal belongings.

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.

Academic Regalia
You may purchase 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.

Stoles
Stoles (other than the white ones provided by the College) are available by individual groups for purchase. Contact your affinity group (e.g., PTK, Black American Council, Lambda GSA) for specific stole-ordering and purchasing 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 4:45 p.m.

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

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 will be mailed to the address on file with the College Registrar’s Office.

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. Approximately seven days after the ceremony, you will receive a proof of your photo along with ordering information. 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 Westshore Campus Student Affairs at SADean-Westshore@tri-c.edu.

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

Sign interpreters will be present at the event. If you need an interpreter to assist you, email SADean-Westshore@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 Ave. and E. 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 beginning Monday, Nov. 15 until Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m.
- Eastern Campus Student Engagement (ESS 1303)
- Metropolitan Campus Student Life (MCC 200L2)
- Western Campus Student Engagement (WHCS A100)
- Westshore Campus Welcome Desk
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!
Check out the Class of 2021 digital downloads, including Instagram and Facebook filters.

Update your contact information
If you petitioned to graduate this fall, you will be informed of the results by mid-January. Diplomas, certificates and letters will be sent via USPS.
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.

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 CustomerService@tri-c.edu.