

## **Should I attend Convocation or Commencement?**

Yes! You've worked hard to achieve this level of success and we recommend you plan on attending both the university-wide Commencement and the College Convocation to commemorate your success. These events are your chance to celebrate this significant milestone with friends and family!

## **When and where will the OU Commencement be held?**

**OU's Commencement** will be held on **Friday, May 11, 2018 at 7 p.m.** at the University of Oklahoma Gaylord Family – Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman. All fall 2017 graduates and spring / summer 2018 graduation candidates can participate in this ceremony. Degrees are officially conferred at Commencement. Doctoral degree candidates are recognized individually during the ceremony and undergraduate and master's candidates are recognized as a group. For more information about the event, including parking information, visit <https://www.ou.edu/content/commencement/information.html>.

## **When and where will the OU College of Nursing Convocation be held?**

**OU College of Nursing's Convocation** will be held on **Saturday, May 12, 2018, 7:30 pm**, at University of Oklahoma Lloyd Noble Center in Norman. All nursing graduates, across all programs, campuses and sites are invited to participate in the College of Nursing Convocation ceremony. Graduates will be individually recognized at the event.

## **How long is the Convocation ceremony?**

Typically, the Convocation lasts an average of two hours, depending on the number of graduates that attend.

## **Where can I order graduation announcements?**

[www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

## **Where can I purchase a cap and gown for the Commencement and Convocation?**

Students will need to wear graduation regalia (a black cap & gown). If you already have regalia, you will not need to purchase them. If you do not have regalia, you may purchase them from the University Bookstore by calling 405-325-3511.

- BSN graduates will need a nursing apricot-colored tassel in addition to cap and gown.
- MS students will need a black tassel and a MS "apricot" colored hood, in addition to cap and gown.
- PhD graduates may also purchase their new regalia through the bookstore.

## **Can I decorate my cap?**

Yes, but you cannot use glitter. Please note, no glitter decorations are allowed in the Lloyd Noble Center.

## **Where do I park for Convocation?**

Directions and parking information are on the Lloyd Noble Center website at: <http://www.lloydnoblecenter.com/facility-info/directions-and-parking/>

### **Do I need tickets for my guests?**

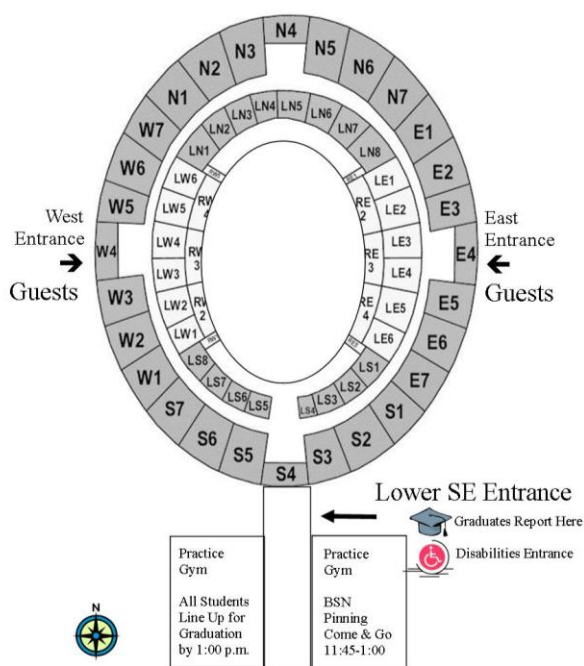
No. No tickets will be issued for this event. Seating is open to all and is not assigned. There will be plenty of seating for everyone. The ceremony will be broadcast on the jumbotron with closed captioning.

### **What should I bring with me to the Convocation?**

You should bring only your graduation regalia (cap and gown). Please note, due to security concerns, there will be no place to leave your purse, keys, hangers, etc., so plan to leave those with family members or at home. You will not be allowed to take bags with you into the ceremony. Please make sure you have a pocket for your keys and identification, as you may not return to the same seat after you walk across the stage.

### **Where do students report for Convocation while guests are finding seats?**

Graduates should report to the lower Southeast Entrance of Lloyd Noble Center. BSN pinning will take place in the practice gym immediately before the Convocation. Pinning is come-and-go beginning at 6:00 pm and will take place before graduation. All others are asked to arrive by 30 minutes before the ceremony to line up for the processional.



### **Will there be a pinning opportunity for students at the Convocation?**

Yes. Hosted prior to the College of Nursing Convocation, the pinning event is optional and offers all undergraduate students, who wish, the opportunity to be pinned by a faculty member.

### **Where will bachelor students be pinned?**

Bachelor students may be pinned by faculty at stations in the practice gym at the Lower Southeast entrance (where you will line up for the ceremony). Guests may view the pinning and then return upstairs to find their seats. There will be accommodations for those with a disability. Due to time constraints, no individual or family photos will be allowed at this year's event. Instead, a professional photographer will be available at each pinning station.

Due to parking concerns, please arrive early if you would like to be pinned. Pinning will be come-and-go; however RSVP is required to participate in the event. Please note that guests leaving the pinning will be directed outside to the Main Guest Entrance (E4 on map above).

**Can I be pinned if I did not order a pin?**

Yes. Ribbons will be available for all graduates to use during the pinning ceremony.

**If I ordered a pin, where can I pick it up?**

Nursing pins will be in your registration packet at the College of Nursing Convocation. Pins are the responsibility of the student and cannot be refunded if lost during the ceremony.

**Will my name be called during the College of Nursing Convocation?**

Yes. You will receive an announcer card in your registration packet when you arrive. You will need to spell your name phonetically. You will hand the card to the announcer as you walk across the stage.

**Will pictures be taken?**

Yes, a professional photographer will be taking pictures before and during the ceremony. Guests should not leave their seats to photograph students during the ceremony.

**Will I receive my diploma at Convocation?**

Students who participate in the Convocation ceremony will receive a diploma cover, free of charge, at the event. Printed diplomas will be available six to eight weeks after your graduation date and will be released according to your directions on your "Application for Graduation."

**What do I need to know about security checks?**

Security at the Convocation is conducted by the Lloyd Noble Center, not the College of Nursing. You can find additional information regarding bag checks, etc., at:

<http://www.lloydnoblecenter.com/facility-info/a-z-guide/>

**Can my guests bring gifts with them?**

Yes! We encourage guests to bring flower and other gifts. It is a special day and it should be celebrated. However, due to time constraints, we ask that they wait until after the ceremony to present the gifts. Please note, all bags are subject to search. Additionally, there are NO BALLOONS allowed in the Lloyd Noble Center.

**Are there restricted items at the Lloyd Noble Center?**

Yes. The Lloyd Noble Center has strict policies regarding prohibited items and bag searches. All bags will be searched upon entry into the Lloyd Noble Center. Prohibited items must be returned to the owner's car or discarded. Any unlawful items are subject to confiscation, and the person in possession is subject to arrest.

Prohibited items include:

- Alcoholic Beverages
- Balloons
- Beach Balls
- Coolers
- Explosives
- Folding Chairs
- Ice Chests
- Noisemakers (air horns, whistles, etc.)
- Personal Heaters
- Backpacks
- Banners, Signs
- Cameras (professional, long telephoto lenses)
- Containers
- Fanny Packs
- Food/Beverages
- Laser Pointers
- Pets (with exception of service animals)
- Weapons

**Will there special accommodations for guests with a disability?**

Yes. Marked handicapped parking is available on the southeast side of the Lloyd Noble Center parking lot. The best entrance to use to the building is at the lower southeast corner, near the Kerr McGee Courtside Club. Once inside the building, there will be greeters who will help direct you to the elevator at the south end of the arena. Reserved seating for guests in wheelchairs and their attendants is available on the east side of the arena, just behind sections LE3 and LE4, and on the north side of the arena at sections LN4 and LN5. Guests or graduates with mobility challenges (wheelchair, walker, crutches, etc.) should contact Angela Thomas at [angela-thomas@ouhsc.edu](mailto:angela-thomas@ouhsc.edu) for information regarding convenient participation in Convocation.