

Commencement and Convocation Events: Planning Guide for BSN Students

The official 2019 graduation events for undergraduate students are scheduled for Saturday, May 11. Following is a summary University Commencement and School of Nursing Convocation events. Full details are available on the [graduation information page](#) of the Student Site.

School of Nursing Graduation Open House

Saturday, May 11, 9:30–11am

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- *All graduates, family, and friends are invited to Cooper Hall for the annual Graduation Open House. Faculty and staff will be present to greet graduates and talk with guests. This is a time for students to gather, take pictures, and show their family and friends around Cooper Hall. A continental breakfast will be served. Neither tickets nor reservations are required.*

University Commencement for Bachelor's Candidates

Saturday, May 11, 12–1:15pm

Camp Randall Stadium

- *This is the university graduation event to include Traditional BSN, Accelerated BSN, and RN-to-BSN (BSN@Home) students.*
- *Tickets are not required and there is no limit on the number of guests a graduate may bring; seating is first come, first served.*
- *Camp Randall gates will open ~10am. Graduates should plan to arrive by ~11am. The School of Nursing (like all schools and colleges) will have a section for its graduates reserved on the field, though students may sit wherever they wish. Students do not have their names called nor do they cross the stage at University Commencement; graduates rise and are honored by degree program during the ceremony.*
- *Academic attire is required for all students participating in Commencement; visit the University Book Store [academic attire website](#) for rental information .*
- *Visit the university's [Commencement website](#) for full event details.*

School of Nursing Undergraduate Convocation

Saturday, May 11, 2–5pm

Memorial Union

- *This is the School of Nursing's official graduation event to honor Traditional BSN, Accelerated BSN, and RN-to-BSN (BSN@Home) students*
- *The reception will precede the Convocation ceremony and will run 2–3:15pm in both the Great Hall and Tripp Commons in the Memorial Union. Tickets are not required, and graduates, family, and friends are all invited to enjoy appetizers and cake during the reception.*
- *The Convocation ceremony will start promptly at 3:30pm in Shannon Hall in the Memorial Union and is scheduled to end ~5pm. Academic attire is required for all students participating in the ceremony. The name of each graduate will be read, and graduates will walk across the stage. This is a ticketed event. Each graduate will initially be allocated four tickets that will be available for pickup from the Office of Academic Affairs between April 15–26. (Graduates do not need a ticket.) Remaining/returned tickets will be made available after May 1 to students who request additional tickets via a lottery system.*

Graduation Celebration and Alumni Welcome

Tuesday, April 30, 4:30–6:30pm

In addition to graduation weekend events, the School of Nursing hosts its annual Graduation Celebration and Alumni Welcome at Cooper Hall. This event is hosted by the Nurses Alumni Organization and includes the alumni pin awards ceremony, the class picture with Bucky, and dinner. The celebration is intended for Traditional BSN, Accelerated BSN, and BSN@Home students. Friends and family are welcome. Neither tickets nor reservations are required.