

BSN Graduation 2024 Weekly Update

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Hello!

You are receiving this email because our records indicate you will be graduating this spring. Please read the information below and take any action before the noted deadlines. We can't wait to celebrate you and all of your accomplishments!

Upcoming Deadlines

Monday, March 11, 2024 (11:59pm) - Award Nominations Close

Thursday, March 14, 2024 (11:59pm) - Award Nominee Acceptances Due

Friday, March 29, 2024 - Apply to Graduate

Friday, April 5, 2024 - Final day to rent academic attire and receive a discount

Save the Dates!

Student Send-Off

- Tuesday, May 7, 2024
- 4:30-7:00pm / Signe Skott Cooper Hall
- The student sendoff is a time for students to celebrate together! Previous send offs included heaps of pizza, ice cream, lawn games, and a photo booth. We will send out an email later in the semester to poll all graduating students for ideas and preferences on food and activities.

[UW-Madison Spring 2024 Commencement](#)

- Saturday, May 11, 2024
- 12:00-1:30pm / Camp Randall
- Guest tickets NOT required

[School of Nursing Baccalaureate Graduation Celebration & Reception](#)

- Saturday, May 11, 2024
- Reception, 2:00-3:30pm / Great Hall, Memorial Union / Light refreshments (including cake!) will be served, no guest tickets required
- Ceremony, 4:00-5:45pm / Shannon Hall, Memorial Union /
 - Guest tickets are REQUIRED. **All graduating BSN students are guaranteed 4 guest tickets if desired.** You will be able to claim your guest tickets through the RSVP survey that is sent out later in the semester.
 - The ceremony will be livestreamed - guests who attend the reception but do not have a ticket for the ceremony are welcome to remain in Memorial Union and watch via livestream on their own device.
 - If making plans for dinner following the ceremony, we recommend making reservations that start no sooner than 6:30pm.

Apply to Graduate

The deadline to apply to graduate and have your name appear in the Spring 2024 Commencement printed program is **Friday, March 29, 2024**. This deadline is over Spring Break so we encourage you to apply sooner. **Students must apply to graduate regardless of their Graduation weekend attendance plans.**

You will receive a confirmation email upon submission. The Office of the Registrar or SoN will reach out to you if there are any issues with your submission. If there are no issues you will not receive any further communication regarding the graduation application beyond the submission confirmation email.

Visit the [Office of the Registrar's page](#) to view instructions on applying to graduate.

Academic Attire

Academic Attire orders can now be placed for Spring 2024! Orders must be **placed by April 5 to receive early Badger pricing**. After April 5 orders can be placed until the day of Commencement.

Cap & Gown: All graduates must wear a cap and gown to participate in Campus Commencement as well as the School of Nursing Baccalaureate Graduation Celebration. To ensure your academic attire is reflective of the University's current specifications, please place your order through the [University Book Store](#). BSN students should receive a 4-sided mortarboard cap with an apricot colored tassel and a bachelor's style gown.

Honors Stole: Undergraduate students in the Honors Program are eligible to wear an honors stole. Stoles are not yet available, but will be purchase-only through the Book Store.

Scholastic Achievement Stole: Undergraduate students graduating with Distinctive Scholastic Achievement are eligible to wear a scholastic achievement stole. SoN will notify students who qualify for Distinctive Scholastic Achievement by the end of April, at which point those students can purchase a stole if desired.

Sigma Honor Cords: Students in Sigma Theta Tau can wear an honors cord as part of their academic regalia, signifying their membership in the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Information on how to obtain a cord will be provided at a later time.

Bachelor's Hood: Undergraduate students earning their second bachelor's degree are eligible to wear a bachelor's hood. SoN is working with the Book Store on how graduates can rent/purchase bachelor's hoods and will inform students when the process is confirmed.

Rent vs. Purchase: Gowns and hoods can be rented or purchased. The majority of graduates choose to rent. For Bachelor's attire, gowns and hoods are rented separately. A cap and tassel comes with the gown rental but graduates keep them (i.e., do not return cap or tassel). Stoles must be purchased.

Awards & Recognitions Nominations

Nominations for Nursing Graduation Awards and Recognitions are now OPEN! A full list of awards, recognitions, and criteria can be found on the student site [Graduation Awards page](#).

[CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE](#)

- Nominations are due by 11:59pm on Monday, March 11, 2024
- Nominators must be logged into their wisc account to access the survey
- Students who are nominated will receive an email immediately upon nomination submission with instructions on how to accept their nomination. Students will only be considered for an award/recognition if they accept their nomination. Nomination acceptances are due by 11:59pm on Thursday, March 14.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

All the best,

The Graduation Planning Committee