

BSN Graduation 2024 Weekly Update

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Hello BSN Students!

This is a weekly update regarding BSN Spring Graduation. Please read the information below and take any action before the noted deadlines. View [previous communications & Weekly Updates here](#).

Included in this Update

Deadlines

Wisc Email & IT Services Post-Graduation

Alumni Pin Ordering Reminder

Awards & Recognitions Reminder

Deadlines

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 (5:30pm) - Deadline to [order Alumni Pin through J. Brandt](#)

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

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

Monday, March 25, 2024 (11:59pm) - Last Day to [rent Bachelor Hoods \(2nd degree\)](#)

Friday, March 29, 2024 - [Apply to Graduate](#)

Friday, April 5, 2024 - Final day to [rent academic attire](#) and receive a discount

Wisc Email & IT Services Post-Graduation

As part of DoIT's Former Student Eligibility Project, students graduating in Spring 2024 will NO LONGER have indefinite access to their *netid@wisc.edu* email account, calendar, contacts, and tasks. After graduation, students will have access to their email account for 9 months. Beginning 90 days before their account is deactivated, DoIT will send periodic emails to their *netid@wisc.edu* email notifying them of the date they'll lose access.

Students are encouraged to move files and data before they lose access. Visit DoIT's article, "[What happens to students' email and other IT services after graduation?](#)" for more information and recommended steps to take before graduation. Students are encouraged to [reach out to the Help Desk](#) with any questions.

Continuing as Faculty or Staff at UW upon graduation? As long as you will be converted to faculty or staff immediately upon graduation, or are already working in an employment position that will not end following your graduation, you will continue to be eligible for the same IT services as when you were a student.

Alumni Pin Ordering

The deadline to order your alumni pin is Tuesday, March 5 @ 5:30pm! View the email sent to students on February 8, 2024 for detailed instructions and the UW-Madison Customer Code. Email academic.affairs@nursing.wisc.edu if you can't find the email and we will resend it!

The pin of the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Nursing, designed in 1926, symbolizes a proud tradition of service. The School of Nursing pin consists of three parts:

1. The Cross Pattee: Representative of nursing, the Cross Pattee dates from the Middle Ages when it was worn by the Knights Templar, a military nursing order.
2. The Caduceus: Symbolic of medicine and healing, the caduceus comes from Greek Mythology where the staff of the caduceus was given to Mercury, messenger of the gods, by Apollo, god of the art of healing. The caduceus is often used as a symbol of medicine, especially in the United States.
3. The Seal of the University: Signifying the educational setting of the School, the seal of the University is included on the pin and reflects "the human eye upturned to receive the light falling upon it from above."

Awards & Recognitions Nominations

Don't forget to nominate your peers, your faculty, your preceptors, or even yourself for a Graduation Award or Recognition!

[CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE](#)

- **Nominations are due by 11:59pm on Monday, March 11, 2024**
- You must be logged into your 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.

Not seeing something in these graduation updates that you wish you had information on? Reply to this update and let us know! We will include answers to frequently asked questions in weekly updates as questions come in.

All the best,
The Graduation Planning Committee

Items that were included in previous weekly updates and are still relevant are listed alphabetically below.

Academic Attire

The most up to date information on Academic Attire for nursing graduates can be found on the [School of Nursing Graduation Page - Academic Attire](#).

Additional Major Keepsake Tassel

Double majoring and want a keepsake tassel in each major's color? No problem! If you would like to get a tassel in both the School of Nursing apricot color and your [additional major's color](#), you can order one tassel with your gown rental and one tassel through the Book Store's "[tassel only package](#)" for \$10. You should still only wear one tassel during Commencement and the SoN event, but you will have one tassel from both majors as a keepsake if desired.

Apply to Graduate

The most up to date information on Applying to Graduate for nursing graduates can be found on the [School of Nursing Graduation Page - Apply to Graduate](#).

Bachelor Hoods for 2nd Degree Students

BSN students who have a previous bachelor's degree and will be earning a second (or third, or fourth...) bachelor's degree are eligible to wear a bachelor's hood as part of their academic attire. The hood's coloring varies and is determined by the previous degree that was earned and the color/s of the institution where it was earned. The hood is \$40 to rent (this is in addition to the price of your chosen academic attire package).

If you qualify and would like to rent a bachelor's hood, follow the link in the email sent to you from academic.affairs@nursing.wisc.edu on 2/12/2024, subject "Academic Attire - 2nd Degree Bachelor Hood;" the hood rental option will NOT appear on the public website so you must follow the link provided.

To ensure you receive the correct previous degree and Alma Mater color, **place your rental order by Monday, March 25, 11:59pm**. The site will close on Tuesday, March 26.

Diplomas, Diploma Covers, & Student Name on Diploma

The most up to date information on diplomas, diploma covers, and how your name will appear on your diploma, visit the [School of Nursing Graduation Page - Diplomas & Covers](#).

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 are NOT required for Campus Commencement. Guests seats are general admission, first come first serve.

School of Nursing Baccalaureate Graduation Celebration & Reception

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Reception, 2:00-3:30pm / Great Hall, Memorial Union

Ceremony, 4:00-5:45pm / Shannon Hall, Memorial Union

During the Reception, light refreshments (including cake!) will be served. No guest tickets are required to attend the Reception.

For the Ceremony, guest tickets are REQUIRED. All graduating BSN students are guaranteed 4 guest tickets to the ceremony 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.