

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

2021



ARE YOU READY?

You are ready to graduate if you have:

- Completed an approved curriculum. See your academic advisor to determine if you have completed the necessary course work.
- Settled all financial obligations with the Ivy Tech Bursar's Office. This step is necessary whether you financed your own education or received financial assistance.
- Completed a graduation application and returned it to the Registrar's Office.
- Attained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

FIRST STEPS

CAPS AND GOWNS

The bookstore has various sizes of graduation attire available. Students can pay with check, cash, or debit/credit card. If paying with a check, the check should be made out to Barnes & Noble Campus Connection Bookstore.

Graduation attire prices:

Set (cap, gown, tassel): \$47.98 + tax

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COLLEGE RINGS

Formal graduation announcements and college rings are available through Herff Jones. To order announcements and rings, please visit herffjones.com.

For more information, stop in or call the Bookstore at 765-252-5593.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Ivy Tech Community College Kokomo's Commencement Ceremonies will take place Friday, May 14, at the either Kokomo Event Center or Hingst Hall in the Health Professions Center, depending on the graduate's academic program. **STUDENTS MUST BE DRESSED AND READY UPON ARRIVAL. DOORS WILL OPEN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY.**

DIRECTIONS

Students, family, and friends may want to allow extra time for travel. Family and friends must enter at the west entrance of the Event Center and at the west entrance of the Health Professions Center.

WHAT TO WEAR

All graduates are required to wear a black cap and gown to the ceremony and are encouraged to wear appropriate attire under their gowns. Flat, comfortable dress shoes will be helpful when walking on the stage area because the stage is slick.

CEREMONY GUESTS

The commencement ceremony will last approximately one hour. Graduating students' names will be announced (by program) and students will proceed to the stage to receive their diploma covers. **TICKETS WILL BE REQUIRED.** Each graduate will receive **TWO** tickets. To meet COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no exceptions.

PHOTOS

Pictures will be taken of each student as they receive their diploma. You are under no obligation to purchase any pictures. You will receive more information directly from the photographer a few weeks after commencement.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Graduating students who have special needs (such as wheelchairs) should contact Jovita Flores at 574-398-6105 by May 7 for any special arrangements. At the commencement ceremony, ushers will be able to assist family members with special needs. Guests or students who are hearing impaired should locate an usher or college official for special seating prior to the ceremony.

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SPECIAL HONORS

Students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher and who have completed a minimum of 15 credit hours at the end of the Fall 2020 semester will be considered honor students. Ivy Tech Community College will purchase Honor Cords for those who are eligible and verified by the Registrar's Office. You need not place an order. The cords will be distributed with the cap and gown order at the Campus Connection Bookstore.

PHI THETA KAPPA

Phi Theta Kappa members may elect to purchase and wear the gold honor stole for the graduation ceremony. Members should purchase stoles at the Bookstore or online at ptk.org. Your membership number is required. If you don't know your number, contact Phi Theta Kappa headquarters at (800) 946-9995. Phi Theta Kappa members who have a GPA of 3.50 or higher may not wear the blue and gold Phi Theta Kappa honor cord but may wear the College's honor cord.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding commencement, stop by the Express Enrollment Center at the Kokomo Campus, call (765) 459-0561, or go to IvyTech.edu/Kokomo/graduation.

DIPLOMAS

If you complete(d) your degree(s) in the fall of 2020 or spring or summer of 2021, your diploma will be mailed to you 60 days after the end of spring term.

STARTING YOUR CAREER

If you will be looking for a job as graduation nears, do not forget to contact the Career Development office. Trained staff are available to assist you with your job search and put you in touch with the right employers. Begin preparing for your job search now. Contact Mary King at mking218@ivytech.edu.