

Spring 2021 Commencement FAQs

See below for answers to frequently asked questions about Spring 2021 Ivy Tech Community College Commencement events and activities for the Kokomo Service Area. Please note that the goal is to celebrate safely via in-person ceremonies. Plans, including size of gatherings, are based on current policies and procedures set by the College and local government to keep people as safe as possible from coronavirus infection. This includes multiple ceremonies to control crowd size, ensuring guests wear masks, adhering to social distancing guidelines, and observing hand hygiene rules. Plans are subject to change as guidance changes.

What is the Spring 2021 Commencement schedule?

Commencement ceremonies for graduating students are scheduled for Friday, May 14, at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. Each graduating student is assigned a specific commencement ceremony time according to their area of study:

Friday, May 14, at

- **1 p.m. ET at Kokomo Event & Conference Center, 1500 North Reed Rd., Kokomo**
 - School of Arts, Sciences & Education
 - School of Advance Manufacturing, Engineering & Applied Sciences
- **3 p.m. ET at Hingst Hall, Health Professions Center, 1815 E Morgan St., Kokomo**
 - School of Business, Logistics & Supply Chain
 - School of Information Technology
 - School of Public Affairs & Social Services
- **5 p.m. ET at Kokomo Event & Conference Center, 1500 North Reed Rd., Kokomo**
 - School of Nursing & Health Sciences

STUDENTS MUST BE DRESSED AND READY UPON ARRIVAL. (We will not have dressing rooms available and students will be seated as they arrive for the ceremony.)

Do I need to let Ivy Tech Community College know if I plan to participate in Spring 2021 commencement in May?

Yes. Qualifying students who **declare their intent to participate before Friday, April 23**, will be permitted to participate in the Friday, May 14, ceremony. This RSVP deadline date will be strictly enforced to ensure that we are following current guidelines for large public gatherings. Degree award dates will be based on actual completion.

Will my name be read in the Spring 2021 ceremony?

Only students who are participating in the actual ceremony will have their name read. All names will be listed in the Commencement Program.

Cap and Gowns

The bookstore will have a supply of caps and gowns in stock for you to purchase. You can learn more at IvyTech.edu/bookstore, where caps and gowns are also available for purchase.

How many guest tickets can I receive?

We are following state and county COVID constraints. To keep attendance levels within these requirements, each graduate may request a maximum of two guest tickets to the Spring 2021 commencement ceremonies. The ceremonies will be live-streamed for anyone interested who cannot attend.

Tickets will be available the week of May 3 for students to pick up.

- Kokomo Campus – Main Building – Information Desk
- Logansport Campus – Information Desk
- Peru Campus – Information Desk

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Seating

- Again, guidelines have been established to respond to the pandemic. Your cooperation is important for the safety of everyone involved.
- Tickets are only valid for their listed ceremony.
- Students may not register to attend to receive tickets on behalf of another student.
- Open seating will not be permitted. Seating will be arranged in groups of two and will be set up to be physically distanced from others.
- When guests arrive for commencement, they will be shown their seat and must remain seated.
- If children become disruptive, the responsible guest must take them outside the building to allow us to meet social distancing requirements throughout the ceremony.
- After the ceremony, all guests must promptly exit the building to allow for cleaning and disinfecting between ceremonies. (Please keep in mind that this could change if Howard County's COVID status changes.)

Will the ceremonies be live-streamed?

Yes, via YouTube; please watch your Ivy Tech email for the link.

Photo opportunity

Your photo will be taken during the commencement ceremony as you cross the stage. Additional locations for photo ops will be set up on the Kokomo Campus Quad, weather permitting.

Ceremony

The ceremony will last approximately 60 minutes and include conferral of degrees and induction into the Ivy Tech Community College Alumni Association.

**All commencement ceremonies remain subject to applicable Executive Orders and public health restrictions. As such, Ivy Tech Community College Kokomo reserves the right to modify commencement ceremonies as may be necessary and appropriate. We will provide as much advance notice as practicable of any changes.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols

To protect the health and safety of members of the Ivy Tech Community College community, it is imperative that all those attending commencement ceremonies adhere to the College's campus safety protocols at all times while on campus.

Will masks be required at commencement events?

- Following the guidelines issued by the Office of the Governor, graduates, guests, staff, and volunteers **MUST** wear face masks or coverings, except where doing so will inhibit the individual's health. Face coverings are required at all times on campus, whether indoors or out.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available for use.
- All indoor locations will adhere to proper social distancing of six feet apart.