

Instructions for Nursing & Health Professions Graduates (10:00 am)

There will be a Pinning and Recognition Ceremony at 10:00 am for eligible graduates enrolled in the School of Nursing and Health Professions.

Please read instructions **CAREFULLY**.
There will be **one (1)** rehearsal
for the School of Nursing and Health Professions graduates.

Rehearsal: Wednesday, December 14
Arrive promptly at 2:00 pm for the rehearsal at
MS Gulf Coast Community College - iMPAC
(Please do not bring or invite children or guests to the rehearsal)

Pinning: Thursday, December 15
Arrive at 8:30 am for the pinning ceremony.

Ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 am

Instructions for the Pinning ceremony are below.

Announcements

Pinning announcements will be distributed by the program director/coordinator no later than Friday, December 9.

Pinning

As you walk across the stage, you will be recognized to receive your healthcare program pin.

Photograph Receiving Pin

When your pin is presented to you, the photographer will capture the image (smile). The photographer will send color proofs after the pinning ceremony should you wish to purchase a photo.

Provided by The Grad Team

Live Streaming & Video

Guests who cannot attend the ceremony can view the livestream. A link will be provided on this page before the ceremony. Replays of the livestream are available shortly after the live broadcast is completed. A video recording of the pinning ceremony will be available several days following the event.

Dress

Arrive at the iMPAC at 8:30 a.m. **correctly dressed in your program uniform.** The Pinning Committee has established pinning guidelines for each participate to adhere to.

Parking

Pinning participants will park in the Hospitality and Resort Management Parking Lot and enter in the East side entrance of the iMPAC.

Accommodations for Visitors with Disabilities or Special Needs

Participants with guests that require accommodation due to physical disabilities should notify Student Support Coordinators at the appropriate campus by December 9. **In addition, students with mobility issues (trouble standing, or walking for more than 5 minutes) and/or students who require more than one chair, should contact the Program Director.**

Procedure

- Participants and their guests should conduct themselves in a dignified manner, respecting the rights of others at the ceremony.
- Program Uniforms are required.
- Participants are encouraged to leave personal items in a vehicle.
- Cell phones should be silenced.
- Pay attention to the row monitors sitting to the left and right of the graduate seating. They will direct you to stand and sit at the appropriate time. The podium speaker will also have instructions for you.

Timeline

8:30 am

- Arrive at iMPAC.
- Enter through the EAST SIDE ENTRANCE of iMPAC. This is not an entrance for guests! Guest enter through the front lobby – Each guest (no matter the age) must have a ticket to enter.
- Pick-up name card.
- Sit in your designated seat (alphabetically per program) backstage.

9:20 am - 9:30 am

- Be seated in line up area.

9:50 am – 10:00 am

- **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR CARD WITH YOU**
- Remain in your seat and be prepared to process.
- The participant on program for the invocation will remain on stage. The script will be on podium (After invocation, will be seated with class).
- March onto the stage floor in single file behind the Stage Marshall.
- Floor Marshalls will guide you to the appropriate row.
- Walk to the end of the row and remain standing until the invocation is over.

During Ceremony

- Remain seated during the speakers' presentations.

Crossing the Stage

- WATCH THE ROW MONITORS.
- Each row of graduates will stand.
- Walk together in a single file line to the stage ramp.
- Hand your name card to the college employee as you approach the stage.
- Walk onto the stage when your name is called.
- Receive your pin (the photographer will take a photo)
- Walk behind stage and take your photo with your pin.
- After taking your photo, a Stage Marshall will direct you to a platform in preparation for the candle lighting ceremony. Do not bring program specific lamps/candles. Candles are provided.

Benediction/Recessional

- The participant on program for the benediction will come down off ramp to the podium (Script will be on podium)
- Graduates will remain in place during the Benediction.
- Benediction is played.
- Ceremony is concluded.
- **FAMILY/GUESTS ARE NOT ALLOWED BEHIND STAGE.**

Graduates Exit

- Graduates will exit through the East Side Entrance of the iMPAC – signage will indicate exit direction.

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Congratulations and Best Wishes!*