



INSTRUCTIONS FOR NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS COMPLETERS

**PINNING/RECOGNITION CEREMONY: DECEMBER 12, 2024 • 10 A.M.
ARRIVE AT 8:30 A.M.**

**Immersive Media Performing Arts Center (iMPAC) at the Harrison County Campus
2226 Switzer Road • Gulfport, Mississippi**

**There will be one (1) rehearsal for the School of Nursing and Health Professions completers.
Rehearsal: Wednesday, December 11. Arrive promptly at 3:00 p.m. at iMPAC.
(Please do not bring or invite children or guests to the rehearsal.)**

There will be a Pinning and Recognition Ceremony for eligible completers enrolled in the School of Nursing and Health Professions on December 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Eligible graduates can return in May to participate in the Spring Commencement.

Please read instructions carefully.

OFFICIAL NAME IN PROGRAM AND DIPLOMA

Your name will appear in the program and on your diploma (if applicable) the way it is presented in our system. Please ensure that your program of study and name are correct by **November 22**. Diplomas (if applicable) will be mailed out in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Printable pinning announcements are available for download in PDF format on the graduation webpage.

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). Photographs will be available for download on the graduation webpage a few weeks after the ceremony.

LIVESTREAMING & VIDEO

Guests who cannot attend the ceremony can view the livestream. A link will be provided on the graduation webpage 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 completer to adhere to.

PARKING

Pinning completers 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

Completers with guests that require accommodation due to physical disabilities should notify Student Support Coordinators at the appropriate campus by December 2. **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

- Completers and their guests should conduct themselves in a dignified manner, respecting the rights of others at the ceremony.
- Program uniforms are required.
- Completers 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 completer 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 a.m.

- 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 - 9:30 a.m.

- Be seated in line-up area.

9:30 – 9:50 a.m.

- **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR CARD WITH YOU.**
- Remain in your seat and be prepared to process.
- The completer 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 THE CEREMONY

- Remain seated during the speakers' presentations.

CROSSING THE STAGE

- WATCH THE ROW MONITORS.
- Each row of completers 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.
- 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 completer on program for the benediction will come down off ramp to the podium. (Script will be on podium)
- Completers will remain in place during the Benediction.
- Benediction is read.
- Ceremony is concluded.
- FAMILY/GUESTS ARE NOT ALLOWED BEHIND THE STAGE.

COMPLETERS EXIT

- Proceed to holding area to return candle and to pick up your official certificate of recognition if applicable.
- Completers will exit through the East Side entrance of iMPAC. Signage will indicate exit direction.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES!

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