

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS COMPLETERS

Immersive Media Performing Arts Center (iMPAC) at the Harrison County Campus
409 Debuys Road • Gulfport, Mississippi

There will be a Pinning and Recognition Ceremony at 10:00 am for eligible completers enrolled in the School of Nursing and Health Professions. Eligible graduates can return in May to participate in the Spring Commencement.



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Please read instructions carefully.

There will be **one (1)** rehearsal for the School of Nursing and Health Professions completers.

Rehearsal: Tuesday, August 4.

Arrive promptly at 2:00 p.m. at iMPAC.

(Please do not bring or invite children or guests to the rehearsal.)

Pinning Ceremony: Wednesday, August 5

Arrive at 8:30 a.m. for the pinning ceremony.

Ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

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 July 21. Diplomas (if applicable) will be mailed out by early September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Printable pinning announcements are available for download in PDF format at mgccc.edu/graduation.

PINNING

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

PHOTOGRAPH RECEIVING PIN

A photographer will capture each completer receiving their pin. Photos will be available for download a few weeks after the ceremony at mgccc.edu/graduation.

LIVE STREAMING & VIDEO

Guests who cannot attend the ceremony can view the live stream. A link will be provided on the graduation webpage before the ceremony. Replays of the live stream 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.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Completers needing accommodation must contact their **Program Director by July 29.**

CEREMONY PROCEDURES

- 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.

CEREMONY 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.

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- 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 Marshal.
- Floor Marshals 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 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 Marshal 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)
- Completters will remain in place during the Benediction.
- Benediction is played.
- Ceremony is concluded.
- Completters will follow Stage Marshall to holding area.
- FAMILY/GUESTS ARE NOT ALLOWED BEHIND THE STAGE.

AFTER CEREMONY

- Proceed to holding area.
- Pick up your award certificate (if applicable) and program.

COMPLETERS EXIT

- Completters will exit through the East Side entrance of iMPAC. Signage will indicate exit direction.

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