

Dear Upcoming Graduate,

**Congratulations on your graduation from Western Technical College! As such, you are eligible to participate in our spring commencement ceremony.** This event will take place on Saturday, April 25, at 2:00 p.m. at the La Crosse Center, located at 300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse. The ceremony will be for all graduates from Fall 2025, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026, and typically lasts about two hours.

You are automatically eligible based on the credits you have completed, so there is no need to apply for graduation or register to participate in the ceremony. For some students, you may be receiving this letter because you have completed a credential as part of an academic pathway. You are free to attend the ceremony, but you may choose to wait until your entire program is completed.

Before the big day!

Graduation packets can be picked up at the Welcome Center on the La Crosse main campus from April 6 through April 17. The Welcome Center's hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. We will have extended pick-up hours until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, Tuesday, April 14, and Thursday, April 16. The commencement packet includes your gown, cap and tassel, honor cords (if applicable), instructions, and six announcements. Students at Regional Locations can request their packets at the campus's front office for delivery in April.

If you require any special arrangements to participate in the ceremony, such as a ramp to access the stage, special seating, or any other accommodations, please contact Kim Garves at 608-789-6186 by April 15.

At the event!

**Parking for people with disabilities** is available in the lower level of the parking ramp located directly across the street from the La Crosse Center on Second Street, as well as in designated parking spaces in neighboring parking lots. The La Crosse Center offers a passenger drop-off zone at the main entrance. Designated wheelchair- and handicap-accessible seating is located throughout the La Crosse Center on the concourse level of the arena.

**Graduates should report to the La Crosse Center by 1:00 p.m.** to line up in order by program. (Please do not bring purses or any valuables with you.) You will need to fill out a card with your name and hometown for the reader to announce as you walk across the stage.

**Commencement photographs** will be taken by professional photographers to record the moment you are awarded your diploma and as you exit the stage. **You will be able to view proofs and purchase photos online.** There is no obligation to purchase. Families are encouraged to remain seated during the ceremony and limit picture-taking to before or after the commencement ceremony. **Attendees will not be allowed on the arena floor during the ceremony.**

For more information on graduation requirements, procedures, and ceremony FAQs, visit the website at [www.westerntc.edu/graduation](http://www.westerntc.edu/graduation). For questions about the ceremony, contact Kim Garves at [garvesk@westerntc.edu](mailto:garvesk@westerntc.edu) or 608-789-6186.

Sincerely,  
Julie Lemon  
Commencement Planning Committee Chair