

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 Saturday, April 22, at 2:00 p.m. at the La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse. The ceremony will be for all graduates from Fall 2022, Spring 2023, and Summer 2023, and typically lasts about two hours.

You are automatically eligible based on credits completed, so there is no need to apply for graduation or register to participate in the ceremony.

Before the big day!

You do not need to order a cap and gown online. **Commencement apparel in a variety of sizes** will be available at Cavalier Campus shop March 27-April 19. Students at Regional Locations can request theirs at the campus' front office by April 10 for delivery. The commencement packet includes your gown, cap and tassel, instructions, and six announcements. The apparel items are yours to keep!

If you require any special arrangements to participate in the ceremony, such as a ramp to get up on the stage, special seating, or any other requests, please contact the Student Life Office (K-100, 608-785-9445) by April 17.

At the event!

Parking for people with disabilities may be found in the lower level of the parking ramp located directly across the street from the La Crosse Center on Second Street and in designated parking spaces located 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 in their seats 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 and procedures and ceremony FAQs, visit the website at www.westerntc.edu/graduation. For questions about the ceremony, contact Eric Jacobson at jacobsons@westerntc.edu or 608-785-9291. You may also visit the Student Life Office, Kumm Center, Room 100.

Sincerely,
Eric Jacobson
Commencement Planning Committee Chair