

Post University Commencement

Saturday, July 24, 2021



Congratulations!

Post University will hold its 130th and 131st commencement ceremonies for the Classes of 2020 and 2021 on Saturday, July 24, at the historic Palace Theater in downtown Waterbury. We are excited to host two separate ceremonies for our undergraduate and graduate students:

- The morning ceremony for all Masters and Doctoral degree and all American Sentinel College Bachelor of Science in Nursing and graduates begins at 10:00 a.m. EST.
- The afternoon ceremony for Associates and Bachelor degree graduates begins at 3 p.m. EST.

Post University will also livestream both ceremonies online for those who are not able to attend (www.post.edu/livestream).

10 a.m. Morning Ceremony

Students walking in the morning ceremony should check-in beginning at 8 a.m. at Post University / Downtown, 140 Bank Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. This check-in and line-up area is around the corner from The Palace Theater. Graduates and faculty will process as a group to the venue starting at 9:55 a.m. SHARP, with much pageantry! (In the event of heavy rain, graduates will be asked to check-in at The Palace Theater stage door entrance, located on Brook St.).

Guests should arrive at The Palace Theater, 100 E. Main Street Waterbury, beginning at 9 a.m. but no later than 10 a.m. All guests must have a ticket to enter the theater. There will be no exceptions. Seating is assigned and guests must use the main theater entrance only. Guests arriving after the start of the processional, which will enter the theater at 10 a.m. SHARP, will be asked to wait in the lobby until the processional is complete, and will then be seated.

All students are expected to remain for the entire ceremony. After the ceremony, students will recess as a group, and may reunite with family outside The Palace Theater, where the block will be closed to street traffic for one half hour.

Parking

Free student and guest parking is available at the Scovill Street Garage, 33 Scovill Street, Waterbury. Both The Palace Theater, where guests should report, and Post University's downtown offices, where students should report for check-in, are a short walk away. Post Associates will be on duty to guide you to and from the parking garage. A handicapped drop-off zone is located directly in front of The Palace Theater. Alternate parting options may be found at www.waterburyparking.com.

3 p.m. Afternoon Ceremony

Students walking in the afternoon ceremony should check-in beginning at 1 p.m. at Post University / Downtown, 140 Bank Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. This check-in and line-up area is around the corner from The Palace Theater. Graduates and faculty will process as a group to the venue starting at 2:55 p.m. SHARP, with much pageantry! (In the event of heavy rain, graduates will be asked to check-in at The Palace Theater stage door entrance, located on Brook St.).

Guests should arrive at The Palace Theater, 100 E. Main Street Waterbury, beginning at 2 p.m. but no later than 3 p.m. All guests must have a ticket to enter the theater. There will be no exceptions. Seating is assigned and guests must use the main theater entrance only. Guests arriving after the start of the processional, which will enter the theater at 3 p.m. SHARP, will be asked to wait in the lobby until the processional is complete, and will then be seated.

All students are expected to remain for the entire ceremony. After the ceremony, students will recess as a group, and may reunite with family outside The Palace Theater, where the block will be closed to street traffic for one half hour.

Special Needs Seating:

If students or guests require handicap seating accommodations, please contact Jennifer Labate at jlabate@post.edu by July 16, 2021.

Palace Theater Etiquette:

Not permitted inside the theater: alcoholic beverages, smoking or vaping, and balloons of any kind. Please note there is no place to store valuables during the ceremony (i.e. large purses, cameras, etc.), so please only bring what is necessary that will fit under your seat or on your lap.



Tickets - All guests will need a ticket to enter The Palace Theater (no exceptions). All seats are assigned and reserved. Guest will be seated in pairs, and socially-distanced within the house of the theater as best as possible. Masks will be required for all guests inside the theater. Students will not need tickets to participate in commencement. If you have not yet reserved guest tickets, please email connect@post.edu. Ticket requests will be filled on a “first-come, first-served” basis, filling the theater from front to back.



COVID-19 Protocols - Post University is committed to producing a “COVID-19 Safe Event.”

Graduates should be prepared to wear masks when entering the Post Downtown lobby for check-in. Once back outside for line-up, masks may be removed. Hooding of masters and doctorate graduates will not take place on stage during the ceremony. Instead, Academic Affairs will host a “Hooding Stage” outdoors in our line-up area. A photographer will be present prior to each ceremony, to capture this important moment.

Social distancing will be observed when seating graduates and guests. Graduates will be seated in every other seat. Guests will be seated in pairs as much as possible, with an empty seat between each group. As of this writing, our hosts at The Palace Theater require all guests inside the building to wear masks. Graduates and guests should be prepared to wear a mask upon entry. Graduates will be allowed to remove their masks as they take the stage. We have replaced the traditional onstage “handshake” moment with a new photo opportunity featuring the graduate and Post’s President and CEO.



Diplomas - Graduates will receive a commemorative diploma cover when crossing the stage at commencement. After the posting of degrees has been completed, diplomas for May graduates will be mailed by the end of June to those students who have fulfilled all of their course requirements. Diplomas will be mailed to the same address that you included on your graduation application. Your diploma will not be released if you have any type of outstanding obligation with the University (i.e., library fees/overdue books, account balances, etc.).



Livestream - Post University will livestream commencement ceremonies online. The streams will go live a few minutes before each broadcast at this link: www.post.edu/livestream. Simply go to the link starting at 10 a.m. EST (morning ceremony) or 3 p.m. EST (afternoon ceremony) on July 24, 2021.



Attire - Commencement is an important event for both the graduate and their families. It is expected that every student participating in the ceremony will be dressed appropriately. Flat shoes are very strongly recommended, as you will be standing for long periods prior to your ceremony, walking in a processional, and walking up and down stairs to the commencement stage. Students should refrain from wearing any Regalia not approved by the University.



Connect With Your Class - Connect with the Classes of 2020 and 2021 by joining the social conversation with #ProudPostGrad. Whether online or on-campus, use the hashtag #ProudPostGrad on Instagram and Twitter to show off your outstanding accomplishment with an image of your graduation regalia, your diploma, or even celebrating as you submit that last final exam online. Let us know what your achievements mean to YOU! We can’t wait to celebrate with you on social media!



Photos - A photographer from GradImages, Inc. will be on hand to capture the moment you cross the stage. In the days following the ceremony, you will be contacted by the photographer with information on how to purchase your pictures.



Financial Obligations - Your financial obligations to the University, including outstanding tuition, library fees, etc., must be satisfied before your diploma or transcript will be released. To ensure your account is in good standing or to make payment arrangements:

- Main Campus - Call 203.596.4527 to speak with a Student Finance Advocate, or visit the Office of Student Finance in Torrance Hall
- Online - Call 800.345.2562 to speak to a Financial Solutions Advocate