

Important Graduation Information



Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from WCC! Please read this document carefully for important graduation ceremony information.

Since there is no rehearsal, it is imperative that graduates be on time for pictures and lineup to receive information regarding the ceremony and your name card. All times are listed below:

Saturday – May 13, 2017

Health and Occupational Programs

Reception for Graduates and Guests – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Wytheville Meeting Center – across from Gym)

Student Group Pictures by County – 12:00 p.m. (Wytheville Meeting Center – Gym)

Lineup for Graduates – 1:00 p.m. (Wytheville Meeting Center – Gym)

Graduation Ceremony – 2:00 p.m. (Wytheville Meeting Center – Ballroom)



Saturday – May 13, 2017

Transfer, Business, and Social Science Programs

Student Group Pictures by County – 4:30 p.m. (Wytheville Meeting Center – Gym)

Lineup for Graduates – 5:30 p.m. (Wytheville Meeting Center – Gym)

Graduation Ceremony – 6:30 p.m. (Wytheville Meeting Center – Ballroom)

Reception for Graduates and Guests – immediately following the ceremony (Wytheville Meeting Center – across from Gym)

Guest Information

- Seating in the ballroom is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be no guest tickets for graduation. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Guests for the 6:30 p.m. ceremony may begin arriving up to 2 hours prior to the ceremony start time.
- Guests must be SEATED by 30 minutes prior to the ceremony start time or they will forfeit their seat in the ballroom.
- Late arrivals will not be allowed to enter the ballroom and due to space limitations, there can be no saving of seats.
- Health program graduates in the 2 p.m. ceremony are discouraged from leaving the Wytheville Meeting Center after the pinning ceremonies due to time constraints. A reception for graduates and their guests will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Overflow Rooms

- Overflow rooms will be provided with a live feed of the ceremonies being shown. Overflow rooms are to be used if the ballroom is full or if you arrive later than 30 minutes prior to the ceremony start time.
- Guests will be allowed temporary access to the ballroom to take photos as your graduate approaches the stage. Please listen for your graduate's program of study to be called and proceed into the main room.
- Graduates will be called in alphabetical order by name after the graduate's degree program is announced. **Please note that the order of the procession may NOT follow what is printed in the graduation program booklet.**
- Once your graduate has crossed the stage, please exit quietly and quickly and return to the overflow room immediately to keep the aisles and hallway clear. **ALL AISLES MUST REMAIN CLEAR AT ALL TIMES!**
- Each graduate will only walk across the stage one time. Graduates who are receiving more than one certificate, diploma, or degree will be placed with the program of his/her choosing for the ceremony lineup.

Processional/Recessional

Graduates will enter and depart ballroom via main hallway. Please keep this area clear.

- Graduates will march from the gym to the ballroom prior to the ceremony.
- Graduates will march back to the gym after the ceremony.
- Graduates will be released from the gym area once the hallway has been cleared of the graduates and platform party.

Honors Information

- Honors will be based on the cumulative **Fall 2016** GPA. **Graduates receiving an honor will be given an honor cord at the time of lineup on the day of the graduation ceremony.** Listed below are the GPA requirements for honors:
 - **CUM LAUDE** – 3.2 to 3.49 GPA – White Honor Cord
 - **MAGNA CUM LAUDE** – 3.5 to 3.79 GPA – Burgundy Honor Cord
 - **SUMMA CUM LAUDE** – 3.8 to 4.0 GPA – Gold Honor Cord

WCC staff representatives will be posted at the doors to assist you and answer any questions that you may have. WCC wants all guests and graduates to have the most pleasant experience possible, so your cooperation is most appreciated as we gather to honor our graduates.

The front section of the parking lot at the Wytheville Meeting Center will be reserved for handicapped parking access, but spaces will be limited, so please arrive early.

Professional photos will be taken of each graduate and will be available for purchase following the ceremony.