

# WCC Spring 2026 Graduation Ceremony Guide

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**  
**Wytheville Meeting Center**

**12:30 p.m. Health Professions and Medical Services**

11:30 a.m. Graduate Check-In – Gym  
12:00 p.m. Processional Lineup – Gym

**3:30 p.m. Workforce Development and Occupational Programs**

2:30 p.m. Graduate Check-In – Gym  
3:00 p.m. Processional Lineup – Gym

**6:00 p.m. Transfer and Educational Partnerships**

5:00 p.m. Graduate Check-In – Gym  
5:30 p.m. Processional Lineup – Gym

To provide graduating students with a traditional commencement ceremony in the safest way possible, WCC will hosts three separate ceremonies this year. Students will be recognized by academic division according to their program of study.

## Health Professions and Medical Services

Dental Hygiene  
Nursing  
Physical Therapist Assistant  
Dental Assisting  
Practical Nursing  
Phlebotomy  
Pharmacy Technician

## Transfer and Educational Partnerships

Business Administration  
Business Management and Leadership  
Education  
General Studies  
General Studies Specializations:  
    Community and Provider Services  
    Developmental Disabilities  
    Health Sciences  
    Human Services (General Studies and Social Sci)  
    Substance Abuse  
Information Technology Programs  
Science  
Science Specializations:  
    Computer Science  
    Engineering  
    Food Animal Production  
    Mathematics  
    Veterinary Preparation  
Social Science  
Uniform Certificate of General Studies  
High School Dual Enrollment Graduates

## Workforce Development and Occupational Programs

Administrative Support Technology Programs:  
    Health Information Management  
    Legal Assistant  
    Clerical Studies, File Clerk, Medical Coding, Medical  
    Records, Medical Transcriptionist  
Construction Technology and Technical Studies  
Programs:  
    Carpentry  
    Electrical  
    HVAC  
    Plumbing  
Criminal Justice/Corrections Science  
Machine Technology  
Welding

### **Diploma Information**

Your diploma will be mailed about 8 weeks after the ceremony, with a digital copy provided as well. Once degrees and certificates are conferred, you'll receive an important email from Parchment—respond within 72 hours to confirm your mailing address. If you don't, it will be sent to the address on file, and reorders will incur a fee. To avoid issues, ensure your name and address are correct in your SIS account.

### **Official Transcript Requests After Degree Conferral**

- Request at: [wcc.vccs.edu/transcript-request](http://wcc.vccs.edu/transcript-request)
- Available after final grades and degree conferral (2-3 weeks)
- Processed via Parchment; delivery takes 3-5 business days

### Honors Information

Honors will be based on the cumulative **Fall 2025** grade point average. **Graduates receiving an honor will be given an honor cord when they pick up cap and gown.** 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

### Processional/Recessional

- Graduates will be required to check-in for lineup in the gym by the designated time and are to remain in the gym until the processional begins. **Graduates who arrive late may not be seated with their program of study but added to the back of the line.**
- Graduates will march from the gym to the ballroom prior to the ceremony; graduates will march out of the ballroom and exit the building after the ceremony.

### Photography

A professional photographer will capture students as they receive their diploma from the college President. Information about ordering individual photographs will be sent to the student via email after the ceremony. Guests are welcome to take photos on their own as long as the aisles remain clear.

### Guest Seating

- Tickets are not required, however seating in the ballroom is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. **The ballroom doors will be open for guests 1 hour prior to the start of each ceremony.**
- Guests must be SEATED by 30 minutes prior to the ceremony start time. There can be no saving of seats and late arrivals will not be allowed to enter the ballroom. **IF** the ballroom becomes full, guests will be directed to overflow rooms where a live feed of the ceremonies will be shown.
- Guests from the overflow rooms will be allowed temporary access to the ballroom to take photos as their graduate approaches the stage. Please listen for the graduate's program of study to be called and proceed into the main room. **Please note that the order of the procession may NOT follow what is printed in the graduation program booklet.** Once the graduate has crossed the stage, please exit quietly and quickly and return to the overflow room immediately to keep the aisles and hallway clear.
- 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.

### Parking

- Parking will be available at the Wytheville Meeting Center and on the WCC campus.
- 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.

### Special Needs Accommodations

- Any guest or graduate that may require special needs accommodations should contact Renee Thomas, Dean of Student Success and Academic Development, 276-223-4752 or email: [rthomas@wcc.vccs.edu](mailto:rthomas@wcc.vccs.edu)

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**Any questions regarding the graduation ceremony should be directed to the Admissions Office:**  
[graduation@wcc.vccs.edu](mailto:graduation@wcc.vccs.edu) or 276-223-4701