

Policy Title: Commencement Ceremony Procedures

Background

The School of Nursing wishes to recognize the achievements of all students completing degree requirements. The University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston sponsors one official graduation commencement ceremony, which occurs at the end of the spring term each year. All students who have completed their studies during the preceding year are encouraged to attend.

Procedure

1. **Date** - The official ceremony will be scheduled at the end of the spring term.
2. **Attire** - Academic regalia will be worn at the official graduation.
3. **Welcome** - Dean(s) or their designated representatives.
4. **Student Speakers** - BSN graduating students select a fellow classmate to present opening remarks. Graduate students will select a fellow classmate to present closing remarks.
5. **Student Recognition** - BSN/MSN/PhD/DNP and Post-Masters graduates are all invited to participate in the commencement ceremony. All graduates will be recognized individually by name. For BSN students, recognition will be given to academic honors, if applicable; for MSN students, recognition will be given to their tracks and roles; and for PhD and DNP students, recognition will be given to their dissertation titles.
6. **Attendance** - Faculty are required and students are strongly encouraged to attend. Only students who have met requirements for graduation may participate in the ceremony.
7. **Invitations** - School of Nursing commencement ceremony invitations and/or announcements are made available for students to order.
8. **Program** - A printed program will be provided by the School at the ceremony.