



***SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GRADUATION INFORMATION - 2025
WEST BURLINGTON CAMPUS***

Thursday, May 15, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Burlington Memorial Auditorium

200 Front Street

Greetings from the Registrar's Office! Congratulations on your upcoming graduation!

Here is a snapshot of information regarding the commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 15th, 2025.

GRADUATION PRACTICE will be held at 10 AM the morning of graduation at the graduation location. Practice is not required, but is strongly encouraged, **particularly if you have a name that is often pronounced incorrectly,**

That evening COLLEGE PERSONNEL WILL DISTRIBUTE INDEX CARDS with your name and degree(s). The cards will be numbered to insure the proper order of candidates. Cards will be distributed to those students who are present, and it is very important you are in the order in which the cards are numbered. If you are receiving multiple degrees they will be listed on your card.

It is important that you remember to bring your card with you to the stage.

LINE UP FOR STUDENTS: Please arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. The line-up will be in order by Meta Major (Applied Technologies, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Business, Creative Arts and Communication, Health, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) with Certificate/Diploma Programs first in alphabetical order followed by Associate Degrees. Associate of Science and Associate of Arts Degrees will follow Meta Majors. Candidates will be lined up in alphabetical order (the card you receive will be numbered and you just need to make sure the person in front of you has a lower number and the person behind you has a higher number) within your respective program.

<u>TASSELS SHOULD BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE WHEN ENTERING.</u>
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PROCESSIONAL (COMING IN): The start of the student line will follow the line-up coordinator at 7:00 p.m. As candidates march in to their seats, please leave a space of 6 to 8 feet between you and the person in front of you and walk in a solemn manner to where the usher is standing. The usher will count the candidates into each row until all of the candidates are in. No chairs will be left vacant and candidates are to remain standing until Dr. Ash seats you.

ISSUING DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS: This will be done one row at a time. The first row of candidates will stand and advance from the right side to the right corner of the stage where the stairs are located. Candidates will ascend the stairs and hand their card to the Presenter. The Presenter will read the name as the student crosses the stage to receive the diploma cover. Students will return to their seats and sit down. Tassels will be moved from right to left at the direction of the President at the ceremony's closing.

RECESSIONAL (GOING OUT): ALL GRADUATES WILL REMAIN SEATED AS THE CLOSING MUSIC BEGINS. Stage guests will leave the stage, followed by faculty and graduates. Ushers will dismiss you.

GRADUATES - The caps, gowns and tassels are yours to keep. **If you have not picked up a cap and gown and plan to participate in the ceremony you need to go to the library between April 28 through May 14.** You will not be able to pick up a cap and gown the night of graduation.

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If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the Registrar's Office at 319-313-1927.

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