

Northeast State Fall 2023 Commencement

When is the Graduation Ceremony?

- **Friday, December 15, 2023** at **Northeast State's Blountville campus** in the **Ballad Health Center for Performing Arts (BHCPA)**.
- *Your ceremony is:*

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3:00 p.m.

- **Check-in begins at 1:45 p.m. Please arrive no later than 2:45 p.m.** to allow time for check-in and lining up for processional. You will check in with Admissions staff in the humanities building (north side of building by parking lot) to receive your name card and directions on where to line up. If you would like individual cap and gown portraits made, please bring the photo order form included with grad kickoff materials. Photography staff will be taking photos up until 30 minutes prior to the start of your ceremony.
- **While there is no limit on how many guests each graduate can invite to attend, please be aware that seating in the auditorium is limited to 500. Should the auditorium reach capacity during any of the ceremonies, we will direct guests to classrooms in our Humanities building to view the live stream of the ceremony. The live streaming information will also be emailed to you and posted on the commencement webpage so you can share with family and friends who may not be able to attend.**
- **ADA Parking:** A portion of the General parking lot #12, rows 7-10 will be designated for disability parking. Proper credentials are needed to access this area. Proper credentials include a DMV issued handicap placard.
- **ADA Seating:** There is limited disability-accessible guest seating in the BHCPA. This area is available by reservation. To reserve seating please complete the online Disability-Accessible Seating Request Form, which can be found on the commencement webpage:
<https://www.northeaststate.edu/students/commencement.html>.
- Only one person in each party will be allowed to sit with the guest requiring accommodations. Other guests will be directed to sit in the general seating.
- ASL sign language interpreters will be present for each ceremony.
- Graduating students who need accommodations for themselves during the ceremony should contact Accessibility@NortheastState.edu or call 423-279-7640.

What should I wear to the graduation ceremony?

- Participating students must wear regalia (cap & gown, along with honors medallion/cords, if applicable).
- It is recommended that gentlemen wear dark dress pants or khakis and dress shirts.
- It is recommended that ladies wear dresses or blouses with skirts or dress pants.
- Wear comfortable but nice shoes.

When will I receive my diploma?

- Diplomas will be available for pickup in early January for students who have completed all degree requirements for the fall 2023 semester.
- You will be contacted regarding the final awarding or denial of your degree before January. Please check your Northeast State email account for information regarding graduation status.

Please visit the Northeast State commencement webpage at

<https://www.northeaststate.edu/students/commencement.html> to view additional information, including parking for the ceremony and live streaming.

Additional Information

Exit Exam: If you are an associate degree seeking student and you still need to take the exit exam please go to www.northeaststate.edu/testing to choose your day and time for the exam. You will have until the end of the semester to complete this. For more information, please contact testing@NortheastState.edu

Phi Theta Kappa Graduates: If you wish to wear Phi Theta Kappa regalia to graduation log in to www.PTK.org using your membership ID to order. For more information, please contact Jane Honeycutt at jbhoneycutt@NortheastState.edu

Alpha Sigma Lambda Graduates: If you wish to wear Alpha Sigma Lambda regalia to graduation go to www.alphasigmalambda.org to order. For more information, please contact Virginia Salmon at vsalmon@NortheastState.edu

If you have questions about commencement, please email graduation@NortheastState.edu