

Graduation Guide

57th Annual Commencement Ceremony

Saturday,
May 11, 2024
10 a.m. & 2 p.m.



Lakeland
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Preparing For Graduation Day

Eligibility

To be eligible to graduate and receive your diploma, you should have already completed and submitted an online [application for graduation](#) (myLakeland login required). You are eligible to participate in the May 2024 commencement ceremony if you have fulfilled your requirements as of the fall 2023 semester or will potentially complete requirements in either spring semester 2024 or summer term 2024. If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact the counseling and advising center at 440.525.7200. Please note that participation in the commencement ceremony does not constitute the completion of graduation requirements.

Academic Regalia

A cap, gown and tassel are the official regalia that you must wear at commencement. If you did not indicate on the graduation application that you wanted to purchase your regalia, you may still do so by returning to the graduation application and updating your selection. The regalia fee can be paid through your myLakeland account or at the cashier's office. Regalia is available for pick up in the Lakeland Bookstore. Check the [bookstore webpage](#) for current hours of operation.

Commencement Honors

If you attain a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher through your last fully completed and graded semester, you may be eligible to wear a gold honors cord at the ceremony. If you are eligible, the honors cord will be available to purchase with your regalia package.

Guest Tickets

You are entitled to receive up to six (6) guest tickets for the ceremony. Request your guest tickets in the [Graduation Application](#) (myLakeland login required). Guest tickets are free and are required for admission. Fire Marshal regulations require that all guests, including children of any age, have a ticket. Additional tickets can be requested through the Graduation Application. If tickets are available, you will be contacted by May 1, 2024, via your Lakeland student email. Tickets will be allocated in the order the request was received.

Pick up your tickets with your academic regalia in the Lakeland Bookstore. Check the [bookstore webpage](#) for current hours of operation.

Commencement Photographer

GradImages® is the official photographer for commencement. At the ceremony, a photo of you will be taken as you shake hands with a college official before exiting the stage. Please register online with GradImages to receive complimentary proofs shortly after commencement. You will also receive a discount offer just for pre-registering. Visit gradimages.com and click on "Registration" any time before commencement day. Should you have questions, contact GradImages customer service at 1.800.261.2576 or via email at giservice@gradimages.com.

Special Accommodations

If you require special assistance to participate in the commencement ceremony, please call the Lakeland Student Service Center (SSC) at 440.525.7050 no later than Friday, May 3, to make any necessary arrangements.

More Information

More information is available online at lakelandcc.edu/graduation.



Holden University Center Partnership Program Graduates

Candidates for graduation from the Holden University Center Partnership Programs are invited to participate in Lakeland Community College's 57th Annual Commencement Ceremony Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 2 p.m.

All Holden University Center candidates for graduation are to report to the Dr. Wayne L. Rodehorst Performing Arts Center in D-Building no later than 12:30 p.m. for complete instructions and to line up for the academic procession. Holden University Center Partnership Program candidates will be the last group of students in the procession. As a means of special recognition, Holden University Center Partnership Program candidates will be the final group to walk across the stage to receive a congratulatory certificate. Diplomas will be issued at a later date by the degree-granting institution. For more information, candidates should contact the registrar's office at their home institution.

Holden University Center candidates are entitled to receive up to six guest tickets. Guest tickets can be picked up at the Holden University Center Partnership Program office located on Lakeland's main campus on the ground floor of the H-Building, room H-074 (photo I.D. required). Tickets may also be mailed to participating partnership program graduates upon request. An RSVP is required for participation. If you have any questions regarding participation in Lakeland's commencement ceremony, would like more information on academic regalia, or require any special assistance to participate, contact Kristina Willey, senior director for the Holden University Center Partnership Program, at 440.525.7535 or email uc@lakelandcc.edu.

Guest tickets are free and required for admission. Fire Marshal regulations require every guest, including children of any age, to have a ticket. No one will be admitted without a ticket.

On Graduation Day

Proper Attire Under Regalia

Commencement is a formal academic ceremony, so it is suggested that you wear comfortable business attire. Please do not wear sneakers, flip-flops, T-shirts, shorts or jeans.

Parking and Shuttle Service

Parking is free. Follow orders of police officers who will be directing traffic. Directional signs will be posted on campus designating handicapped parking areas. Free shuttle bus service will be available to transport guests to and from the parking lots. Shuttle buses will be operating from approximately 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Assembly of Graduates

As a candidate for graduation, please report to the Dr. Wayne L. Rodehorst Performing Arts Center in the D-Building one- and one-half-hour before your ceremony:

- **10 a.m. ceremony – arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11.**
- **2 p.m. ceremony – arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11.**

Arrive dressed in your cap and gown. You will receive complete instructions regarding participation in the ceremony at this time; there is no dress rehearsal. The processional starts promptly 15 minutes before your ceremony:

- **10 a.m. ceremony – processional starts promptly at 9:45 a.m.**
- **2 p.m. ceremony – processional starts promptly at 1:45 p.m.**

You are not permitted to carry anything in your hands during the procession. A secured room will be provided for you to store any personal belongings for the duration of the ceremony.

Guest Seating

Doors open one hour before your ceremony. Guests should arrive and take their seats promptly. Guests arriving late may be redirected to view commencement from an alternative location so as not to disrupt the ceremony in progress. Seating is limited and guests are required to present a ticket for admittance. Tickets will be collected. All guest seating is on bleachers. Guests requiring assistance or handicapped seating must have a handicapped ticket and will need to contact the Dean of Students via email at mpetitti@lakelandcc.edu or by phone at 440.525.7328 no later than Friday, May 3, to make arrangements.

Degrees Awarded at Commencement

The following academic degrees are awarded at commencement:

- **10 a.m. ceremony:**
 - Associate of Applied Science
 - Associate of Applied Business
 - Associate of Technical Studies
- **2 p.m. ceremony:**
 - Associate of Arts
 - Associate of Arts in Business
 - Associate of Science
 - Holden University Center Partnership Program Graduates

Certificate recipients and prospective certificate recipients do not participate in the commencement ceremony.

Order of Ceremony

1. Processional
2. Welcome
3. Singing of the national anthem
4. Opening remarks
5. Introduction of the Board of Trustees
6. Introduction of Commencement Speaker
7. Commencement address by keynote speaker
8. Alumni Keynote Address
9. Conferring of academic degrees and presentation of diploma covers.
 - >>**Guests are NOT permitted to approach the stage to take photographs**<<
10. Recognition of Holden University Center Partnership Program graduates (2 p.m. ceremony only)
11. Closing remarks
12. Singing of the Lakeland Alma Mater
13. Recessional

Commencement Livestreaming

The entire commencement ceremony will be streamed live and the video of the ceremony will be available to view online at lakelandcc.edu/commencement and on [Lakeland's official YouTube channel](#).

Hearing Impaired

An American Sign Language interpreter will be signing the ceremony from the left-hand side of the stage (when looking at the stage).

After Graduation Day

Commencement Broadcast

The commencement ceremony will be posted online at lakelandcc.edu/commencement and also on [Lakeland's official YouTube channel](#) beginning the week of May 27, 2024.

Commencement Photographs

After graduation, proofs may be viewed at gradimages.com. Orders can be placed online or by phone at 1.800.261.2576. There is no obligation to purchase. Should you have questions, contact GradImages customer service at 1.800.261.2576 or via email at giservice@gradimages.com.

Diploma Distribution

During the commencement ceremony, a blank diploma cover will be presented to you. Your diploma, commemorative commencement program and letter of congratulations can be picked up in the Student Service Center on the first floor of the A-building. Fall 2023 diplomas are available now. Spring 2024 diplomas will be available for pick up approximately six weeks after the end of spring semester. Summer 2024 diplomas can be picked up approximately six weeks after the end of the summer term. Additional fees may apply for more than one degree, concentration, or certificate as well as any changes, including completion date, reprints or duplicates. If you have any questions concerning your diploma or academic records, please email graduationservices@lakelandcc.edu.

Financial Obligations

You must settle all financial obligations (i.e., unpaid tuition) with the college upon completion of courses. The college is authorized to withhold diplomas and transcripts for any outstanding financial fees. To be sure that you have financial clearance upon completion of courses, please check with the Lakeland Cashier's Office at 440.525.7134.

More Information

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