

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations - your big day is almost here! We're just one week away from celebrating your incredible achievements at Rowan University's largest Commencement yet, with over 5,200 graduates taking part!

We're thrilled to invite you and your guests to the School of Graduate Studies Hooding Ceremony & Reception, honoring our Doctor of Education, Doctor of Philosophy, and Educational Specialist graduates from the:

- College of Education
- College of Science & Mathematics
- Ric Edelman College of Communication & Creative Art
- Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering
- Rowan-Virtua School of Translational Biomedical Engineering & Sciences

Below are the key details to ensure a smooth, memorable experience. Please feel free to share this information with your guests.

📍 School of Graduate Studies Hooding Ceremony & Reception

Date: Friday, May 9, 2025

Time: Ceremony begins at 3:00 p.m. (Doors open at 2:00 p.m.)

Location: Esbjornson Gym, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ

Parking & Accessibility

Complimentary parking is available in Lots B, B-1, and Edgewood Park Apartments Lot.

Accessible parking (permit required) is available in Lot W. View the [campus map here](#).

Email accessible parking requests to parking@rowan.edu. (Late requests still accepted based on availability) Note: A standard handicap tag alone does not grant access to Lot W.

Golf carts will run continuous loops from all lots to Esbjornson Gym for added convenience.

Graduate & Faculty Arrival Instructions

Graduates, advisors, and faculty should arrive by **2:00 p.m.** and enter through the **Recreation Center** doors for check-in and seating assignments.

- A quick hooding walkthrough will begin at **2:40 p.m.**
- Graduates will line up by college and program, with seating in the same order.
- During the ceremony, each graduate will be hooded by their advisor after handing them the hood at the platform.

Names will be announced as graduates are hooded, and your name and college will appear on-screen. The full ceremony is expected to last **about 1 hour and 20 minutes**.

Reception

After the ceremony, enjoy a festive reception featuring light fare, wine, brews, bubbly, and plenty of photo ops. Celebrate this special moment with your loved ones — sit back, relax, and enjoy the occasion!

Live-Stream Access

Can't make it in person? All ceremonies will be live-streamed. Watch live or view later — [click here](#) to tune in.

Guest Tickets

Each graduate receives 4 guest tickets. Both digital and printed tickets are accepted at the Esbjornson Gym entrance. Haven't sent your tickets yet? [Click here to email them now](#) to ensure smooth entry for your guests.

- Click “**View**” under the ceremony listing.
 - Your tickets will appear — one box displayed per ticket. From here, you can select each ticket to print or email them to guests.
 - All guests need a ticket (digital or printed)

Clear Bag Policy & Prohibited Items

- To ensure a safe and smooth entry, only **clear bags** (12” x 6” x 12”) or small clutches (4.5” x 6.5”) are allowed.
- To view the full list of prohibited items, please [click here](#).

Keepsakes & Memories

- [GradImages Photography](#) will capture your stage moment. Pre-register your information to receive 20% off your photo order.
- [Order Flowers & Gifts](#) in advance or on-site with Commencement Flowers.

Once again, congratulations! We can't wait to celebrate your achievements and cheer you on as you take your next steps. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at commencement@rowan.edu.

With Rowan PRIDE,

Your Rowan University Commencement Planning Team