

GRADUATION PROCESS AND INFORMATION

THE OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

ABOUT GRADUATION?



“Graduation” at Rowan University is the successful and final completion of all *University* criteria (credits, grades & GPA) and all requirements for a student’s *particular* major(s), minor(s), concentration(s), and/or specialization(s) – including specific coursework, additional GPA requirements, and/or special courses such as clinical practice, internship, research, thesis, etc. Rowan University officially graduates students four times each year – May, August, December, or January – at the end of each of our four terms. Students must complete the online graduation application (several months before degree/program completion) in order to be reviewed for graduation and, if approved, awarded a degree.

At Rowan University, “commencement” is quite different from graduation. Commencement is the set of ceremonies that take place only one time each spring, and it is a voluntary celebration of the student’s time and hard work at Rowan. Students who have completed, or are near completion (per stated policy) of their degree/program, are invited to participate in commencement; however, participation in the commencement ceremony is not graduation and does not indicate the student has earned a degree.

MASTER GRADUATION DATES & DEADLINES CHART

Term you expect to graduate: <i>This means you must complete all degree/program requirements (including transfer credits, all grades, GPA minimums, special courses, internships/clinical practice, etc.) by the end of this term.</i>	Deadline dates for student to apply to graduate: <i>Students must apply online for graduation review via SSB, rowan.edu/selfservice.</i>	Deadline dates for Academic Advisors to review any submitted graduation applications:	Dates when degrees will be awarded in system and posted on transcripts:	Date that will be posted on the transcript and official diploma:	Date official diploma will be mailed to you:
Fall 2017 term	August 15 – October 5	October 23 – November 10	January 2018	December 30, 2017	February 2018
Winter 2017-2018 term	October 16 – November 28	December 11 – January 5	February 2018	January 30, 2018	March 2018
Spring 2018 term	January 3 – February 28	March 12 – March 30	June 2018	May 30, 2018	August 2018
Summer 2018	April 2 – June 12	June 25 – July 13	Sept. 2018	August 30, 2018	October 2018

WHEN DO I APPLY FOR GRADUATION?

Students must apply to graduate online through Self-Service Banner (SSB) via www.rowan.edu/selfservice – select “Apply to Graduate.” The graduation application only takes a few minutes to complete but graduation cannot be reviewed or officially conferred without it. Submitting your online application will trigger a \$65 graduation application fee to be added to your Rowan account shortly after submission. Students can view their application details online through SSB – select “View Pending Applications.” Please refer to the “Master Graduation Dates & Deadlines Chart” above for the appropriate deadline.

HOW IS IT DETERMINED THAT I MEET ALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?

The Graduation Team in the Office of the University Registrar reviews students’ transcripts to ensure that they have earned the *University*-required credits, grades, and GPA. All Academic Advisors (for majors, minors, concentrations, and specializations) submit separate reviews for each graduation applicant (refer to the “Master Graduation Dates & Deadlines Chart” for timelines) via a separate online system. Prior to submitting a graduation application, students are encouraged to meet with their Academic Advisor to verify that they will complete all necessary requirements (and that they will do so on their anticipated timeline).

WHEN WILL I GET MY DIPLOMA?

Diplomas for all graduates in good standing will be delivered directly to the address submitted on their online graduation applications. Please refer to the “Master Graduation Dates & Deadlines Chart” for delivery dates. To check the mailing address submitted on your graduation application go to Self-Service Banner (www.rowan.edu/selfservice) and select “View Pending Applications.” If you need to change any information please contact graduation@rowan.edu before the posted delivery dates.

A note about “good standing:” Good standing indicates that the graduate does not have any holds or restrictions that would prevent them from receiving the diploma. If a student is not in good standing, diplomas are held in the Office of the University Registrar for mailing until any holds or restrictions are lifted.

GRADUATING WITH UNIVERSITY HONORS

Rowan University recognizes exceptional academic achievement upon graduation. Please note that the University requires a minimum of 30 Rowan credits to be considered for University Honors.

Honors are awarded as follows:

- 3.450-3.649 Cum Laude
- 3.650-3.849 Magna Cum Laude
- 3.850-4.000 Summa Cum Laude

For *graduation*, University Honors are based on students’ final cumulative GPA and will be printed on students’ diplomas and transcripts. For *commencement*, University Honors are based on the cumulative GPA earned at the end of the fall term of the students’ final year. This GPA is given to Barnes & Noble for students to purchase the coordinating honor cord and will be noted, with a symbol, in the Commencement Program.

GRADUATION & COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

The Graduation and Commencement Teams partner to provide important graduation and commencement details to all non-medical students. Students are strongly encouraged to attend one meeting and to bring friends. (*All meetings will be held in the SC Ballroom.*)

Meeting dates are:

Wed., December 6, 2017 @ 6:30pm

Tues., January 23, 2018 @ 3pm

Thur., February 22, 2018 @ 11am

Wed., March 21, 2018 @ 5:30pm

HELPFUL TIPS

All information regarding the status of a student’s graduation application will be sent to their [Rowan email accounts only](#).



- DegreeWorks/GRAD Report is NOT used to determine successful completion of requirements. (This tool assists students with their plan of study only.) Work directly with your Academic Advisor for information about degree/program completion.
- If you registered for a minor, concentration or specialization that you have NOT completed, you must remove it from your academic record through the University Advising Center.
- A double-major must submit two separate applications (one for each major) but will not be charged two application fees. Double majors can only apply for graduation when both majors are expected to be completed. (*Please note: Undergraduate education majors are dual majors – NOT double majors and will only submit one graduation application*).
- Students in an accelerated program (4+1) cannot apply for graduation until the graduate degree is expected to be completed.
- Please contact commencement@rowan.edu for any commencement ceremony questions.

WHAT ABOUT COGS/CAGS AND OTHER CERTIFICATIONS OR ENDORSEMENTS?

- Graduation is the awarding of a Bachelors (BA or BS), Masters (MA/MS), or Doctorate (EdD) degree. In addition to these majors Rowan offers many other certification (COGS, CAGS, or CUGS) and graduate endorsement programs. Online Graduation Applications are NOT accepted for these programs.
- In order to update students’ transcripts with the completion of a certification or endorsement, students must submit an “Application for Completion of Certificate”. Students are responsible for obtaining the required signatures and submitting it to the Office of the University Registrar upon successful completion of their program. This form can be found on the University Registrar’s website: <http://www.rowan.edu/provost/registrar/forms.html>.
- Students can also purchase an optional professional certificate by including the \$15 payment (check or money order) with their “Application for Completion of Certificate”. This is a diploma quality certificate that will be delivered directly to students.

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