

## Spring (May) Commencement FAQs

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at Wausau West High School

- **Cap, Gown & Ticket Pick Up: Tuesday, April 23 – Friday, May 10**

Your regalia and tickets can be picked up in The Den (D112) Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Are you a regional campus student? Request to have your regalia and tickets sent to your campus by e-mailing [studentlife@ntc.edu](mailto:studentlife@ntc.edu) with your name, student ID number and preferred campus. Please also identify if you are a veteran so you may receive appropriate cords. To allow time for mailing, the deadline to request this service is Friday, May 10.

- **Number of Tickets:** All guests (regardless of age) must have a ticket to attend the ceremony. The number of tickets is determined by the location and the number of graduates. To accommodate all graduates, each participant will be initially allocated 4 guest tickets for the event with a possible opportunity to obtain extra tickets.
- **Ticket Deadline:** Tickets not picked up by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10 will be released as extra tickets. If you come in after that time, you may not receive your allocated tickets.
- **Extra Tickets:** Beginning Monday, May 13, you may pick up 1 extra ticket per day on a first-come, first-serve basis until they are gone.
- **Live Stream:** In an effort to accommodate guests who are unable to attend, the ceremony will be available at <http://www.tinyurl.com/WAAMedia> via live stream and after the ceremony as video on demand.
- **Diploma:** Your diploma will be mailed approximately 6-8 weeks after grading day. Check MyNTC to make sure your name and address are accurate.
- There is no additional cost for your regalia. The cap and gown are yours to keep.
- **Gold Cords** will be given to students who have achieved a cumulative 3.5 or higher GPA as of the prior semester and will be distributed with your cap and gown.
- **Red, White, and Blue Cords** will be given to students who have served our country in the armed forces and can be requested when you pick up your cap and gown.
- **White Cords** will be given to the Outstanding Graduate in each program and will be distributed by the academic program or designee. Please note not all programs select an Outstanding Graduate.
- Empire Photography has been photographing our commencement ceremony for many years. Each graduate is photographed as they receive their diploma and a solo portrait is taken after they exit the stage. Approximately 2 to 4 weeks after graduation, proofs of the pictures will be sent to graduates via e-mail. There is no obligation to purchase the pictures. Visit [www.empirephotos.com/northcentral](http://www.empirephotos.com/northcentral) to learn more and/or provide additional contact details.
- You need to be at Wausau West High School by **8:00 a.m.** to line up. The graduation ceremony starts at **9:00 a.m.** Line-up instructions will be included with your cap and gown.
- You will have access to a secure area to leave your belongings during the ceremony.
- The ceremony will last approximately one and half to two hours and should conclude by 11:00 a.m.
- Student Records will verify final grades and program completion; your diploma will be mailed to you after this process occurs. If you have not received either a letter or your diploma within 8 weeks from grading day, please contact [studentrecords@ntc.edu](mailto:studentrecords@ntc.edu).
- If you have additional questions contact Student Life at 715.803.1294 or [studentlife@ntc.edu](mailto:studentlife@ntc.edu). You can also stop by the Student Leadership Center (D112) at the Wausau Campus.