



SLCC
SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Grad Fact Sheet

Fall 2020

To the Summer and Fall 2020 Candidates for Graduation

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from South Louisiana Community College! SLCC's faculty, staff, and administration are very proud of each of you, and we look forward to celebrating your academic achievement at your Drive-Thru Commencement Ceremony. Please use this sheet as a resource that can be used to answer any questions that you may have.

Commencement Ceremony Date & Location

Thursday, December 17th

SLCC Lafayette Campus
320 Devalcourt Street
Lafayette LA 70506



Drive-Thru Schedule

9 am - 11 am

Business, IT, & Technical Studies

11 am - 12 pm

Liberal Arts & Humanities

12 pm - 1 pm

Nursing & Allied Health

1 pm - 2 pm

STEM, Transportation, & Energy
WorkReadyU

Interested in purchasing a special commemorative SLCC Graduation t-shirt or sweatshirt? [Click here to access The Commencement Group's virtual store!](#)

Drive-Thru Ceremony Procedures

- All persons who have been exposed to or are demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home.
- Each graduate will be limited to one vehicle.
- All participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles! A designated "vehicle decorating area" will be provided for participants who don't feel safe driving to campus in the decorated vehicle.
- Vehicles will enter and exit campus according to the ceremony route; a map of the route will be released ASAP.
- When vehicles enter campus, they will check in with Security before proceeding through the route.
- All SLCC Buildings will be closed to the public; please ensure that proper nutrition, hydration, and personal care needs are addressed before attending the ceremony, as no facilities will be available.
- Smoking, vaping, alcoholic beverages, and weapons of any kind are prohibited per the SLCC Student Code of Conduct.
- For health and safety purposes, no oversized or open-air vehicles will be allowed; similarly, no pedestrian traffic will be permitted.
- SLCC representatives will be wearing masks and will maintain social distancing during the ceremony.
- SLCC graduation regalia (cap and gown) is optional for participants, though face masks are required. A special SLCC Alumni mask will be provided to all participants at check-in!
- SLCC graduates should sit on the driver's side of the vehicle (driver's seat or behind the driver's seat) near a working window, as the recognition will take place on the vehicle's left side.
- SLCC's Office of Student Engagement will livestream the ceremony on the SLCC Facebook Page so that family members and friends not in the vehicles can celebrate these special moments! Watch here: facebook.com/southlacc.
- An optional photography area will be provided at the end of the route. Each graduate will be invited to park near the photography area, exit the vehicle with friends and family, and take photos in front of the provided SLCC backdrop. Security and SLCC volunteers will be stationed in the photography area to ensure social distancing and smooth rotation of graduates through the area as well as to provide assistance with photography.

Honors & PTK Graduates

Graduating with Honors and graduating as a Phi Theta Kappa member are two different achievements. Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society to which students at SLCC who achieve a 3.0 GPA or higher are invited, and those students pay membership fees to join. All PTK members have their PTK status noted on transcripts. PTK students can purchase PTK cords and stoles to wear at the Commencement Ceremony via the PTK online store.

Students who are Phi Theta Kappa members often graduate with honors, and Honors Graduates are often Phi Theta Kappa members, but joining PTK does not guarantee that a student will be an Honors Graduate. To graduate with honors at SLCC, a student must earn a Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher after final grades have been received; these students will be given honors cords after final grades have been processed. Students who earn a 3.5-3.79 GPA will be given white cords, and students who earn a 3.8-4.0 GPA will be given gold cords.

Regalia

The cap and gown for the SLCC Commencement Ceremony is navy blue and SLCC-branded. Again, wearing this regalia is optional, but students who are interested may purchase regalia at the SLCC Bookstore for \$50 (plus sales tax). No alternative cap or gown may be worn. Some students choose to purchase or borrow regalia from past graduates, which is encouraged as a cost-saving option. For students who are using previously-worn regalia, a new cap and/or tassel may be required. Individual tassels and caps may be purchased for \$6.50 and \$7.50 respectively (plus sales tax).



Diploma FAQs

- **When will I receive my diploma?**

All Summer 2020 graduates' diplomas were mailed in August. Fall 2020 graduates' diplomas will be sent to the mailing address on the graduation application approximately two weeks (not including school closure days) after the graduation date. Each student is responsible for ensuring that their mailing address is correct.

- **What if I need a copy of my diploma sooner?**

Should you need proof of your degree prior to the release of your diploma, SLCC is offering a new service called *Diploma on Demand*. This service provides a certified electronic diploma that serves as an official, portable, and verifiable electronic version of your accomplishment that can be shared for a lifetime! Please continue to check your college email for complete details of how-to login to the portal!

- **How do I get an SLCC diploma cover?**

Diploma covers are awarded at the drive-thru ceremony. As with our traditional in-person commencement ceremony, only participants in the drive-thru ceremony will be given degree covers.

