

College of Alameda Commencement Frequently Asked Questions

When and where is the commencement ceremony?

The College of Alameda commencement ceremony is Friday, May 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. on the College of Alameda Soccer Field. Guests can start arriving as early as 12:30 p.m.

How long is the ceremony?

The estimated duration of the ceremony is 90 minutes to two (2) hours.

Are tickets required?

Yes. Guest attending the ceremony will need a ticket to enter the Soccer Field. Each graduate that has submitted an *RSVP* to participate in the ceremony by the deadline will receive **four (4) tickets**. Tickets will be distributed at the commencement rehearsal, Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Do children need tickets?

Children ages three (3) and older will need a ticket to enter the ceremony.

How can I get more tickets?

After the April 26th RSVP deadline the Office of Student Activities will determine the number of additional tickets available. Based on the number of additional tickets available, each graduate will receive an increase in the total number of tickets provided (for example: instead of four (4) tickets, each graduate could receive six (6) tickets). However, if additional tickets are not available each graduate will only receive the allotted four (4) tickets. Graduates that need additional tickets are advised to ask fellow graduates for their unneeded tickets.

How do I get my name listed in the program?

Students whom successfully completed a petition to graduate with the Admissions and Records office will have their name and degree(s) and/or certificate(s) listed in the program.

Where do I park?

Parking lots B, C and D provide the best access to the Soccer Field. Parking permits are not required.

What ADA accommodations are available?

All campus parking lots have designated disabled parking. The main entrance into the Soccer field is accessible. Ramps are located on either side of the bleachers. The first row of the bleachers includes six (6) wheelchair accessible seating areas. All guest seating is first come first serve. Interpreters will be available for graduates and guests throughout the ceremony. Graduates in need of seating accommodations can notify the Office of Student Activities on the Commencement RSVP form. Contact the Office of Student Activities at 510.748.2327 with questions.

Will there be a photographer?

Yes, a photographer will be taking public relations pictures as well as graduate portraits before and during the ceremony.

Will I receive my diploma at the ceremony?

Diplomas will not be provided at the ceremony. Admissions and Records will send an email notification to students during the summer informing students when diplomas are ready for pick-up from the Admissions and Records office.

Will the ceremony be webcast?

The ceremony will be recorded for later viewing on Peralta TV. A live stream of the ceremony will not be available.

What if it rains?

In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place inside the College of Alameda Gym.

Where do I purchase my cap, gown and tassel?

Graduates can purchase all regalia (i.e., cap, gown and tassel) at the College of Alameda Bookstore. The estimated package cost is \$45.00. Specialty cords and sashes are also available at the Bookstore. Graduates can contact the Bookstore directly at 510.748.2248 with questions about regalia, cords, and sashes.

What is appropriate attire to wear under my regalia?

When deciding what to wear to the ceremony it is important to consider the weather and comfortability, since graduates will be standing and sitting for long periods of time and the seating area for graduates will not be shaded. Here are a few recommendations:

- Pressed slacks, trousers, khakis, dress, or skirt
- Pressed dress shirt with a tie or a blouse
- Dress socks and shoes. High heels are not recommended for reasons of safety and comfort, flats or pumps are advised. Casual sandals and tennis shoes should also be avoided.

Keep in mind, your gown should fall midway between the knee and ankle. Tassels are worn on the right side.

When is the commencement rehearsal?

Rehearsal is **Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** on the Soccer field. The rehearsal is scheduled to last one (1) hour to 90 minutes.

Is the rehearsal mandatory?

Yes, rehearsal is mandatory for all graduates. During the rehearsal you will receive important information about the ceremony, practice the procession, seating and recession. Tickets will be distributed at the end of rehearsal. Graduates that are unable to attend rehearsal must email the Office of Student Activities at nrodriguez@peralta.edu. Graduates that do not pick-up their tickets at rehearsal are not guaranteed tickets for the ceremony.