

## Peirce College's Virtual Commencement Ceremony FAQ

### ***When and where is the 2021 commencement ceremony?***

The 2021 commencement ceremony will be held virtually on Thursday, June 10 at 6:45 p.m., on YouTube and Facebook Live. For updated information regarding the virtual commencement ceremony, please visit: <https://my.peirce.edu> or <https://www.peirce.edu/commencement>. A link will be provided via email in advance of the ceremony.

### ***How can I participate in the virtual ceremony?***

1. A text link will be sent to everyone who applies for graduation that will take you to a dedicated Commencement webpage where you can upload a photo of yourself for the ceremony, tell us about your biggest supporters, access our #PoweredbyPeirce and #PeirceCommencement2021 social media filters, and see additional details about the ceremony.
2. Tune into YouTube and Facebook Live on Commencement Day. You will have the opportunity to comment in the chat box during the ceremony and congratulate your fellow graduates.
3. Wear your cap and tassel and share a picture in the comments of the Facebook Live. Peirce College will send all graduates a cap and tassel and we want to see you wear it. Graduates will also have the opportunity to purchase a hood and gown (order information below).
4. Share the link with your friends and family so they can watch the ceremony from home.
5. Share photos and videos of yourself watching the ceremony with those in your household and use the hashtags #PeirceCommencement2021 and #PoweredbyPeirce.
6. Look out for notification regarding upcoming contests, including a Cap Decorating Contest and a Graduate Video Content.

### ***How long is the commencement ceremony?***

The virtual commencement ceremony will last approximately 1 hour – 1 ½ hours.

### ***Will I receive any commencement items in advance of the Ceremony?***

On behalf of the College, all graduates will receive a tassel and graduation cap within the next few weeks. To ensure that you receive these items, be sure to immediately check and/or update your home address at <https://my.peirce.edu>. Students who have earned graduation honors will also be mailed their honor cords. A commemorative ceremony program will be mailed to you toward the end of June.

### ***Can I purchase academic regalia?***

Purchasing your graduation hood and gown is **optional**. You may purchase your gown and hood from Herff Jones by going to the following link: <http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/peirce>. Step-by-step directions for ordering from the Herff Jones website will be emailed to you.

The costs for the gown and hood are as follows:

- Associate gown and hood: \$46.00 (\$58.27 with tax and shipping)
- Bachelor's gown and hood: \$47.00 (\$59.35 with tax and shipping)
- Master's gown and hood: \$52.00 (\$64.75 with tax and shipping)

**\*\*Please note that the College will provide a cap and tassel to all graduates; therefore, these items will not be a part of the regalia package you purchase online. The cap and tassel will be mailed to the home address that we have on file.**

***When can I purchase my regalia?***

The website to purchase your graduation hood and gown is open. **If you wish to receive your regalia by June 10, 2021, you must order your regalia by May 14, 2021.**

The regalia website will re-open on May 17, 2021; however, regalia ordered after May 14, 2021 will not be guaranteed for delivery by June 10, 2021.

***Will I be included in the commencement ceremony if I have one or more remaining classes to complete?***

Students must complete all degree requirements and fulfill all financial obligations by May 9, 2021 to be included in the commencement ceremony.

***Can I still purchase rings, diploma frames, and announcements?***

You may also purchase rings, diploma frames, and announcements through the Herff Jones website at <http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/peirce>.

***Can I still get my senior portrait taken?***

Although we will not hold senior portraits on campus this year as the building is closed, students are welcome to contact Lifetouch at 800.687.9327 to schedule an individual appointment in their Bensalem studio located at 3580 Progress Drive, Suite G, Bensalem, PA 19020

***Will my diploma be mailed to my address?***

Diplomas will be ordered once degrees have been conferred. Diplomas are printed and mailed to students' home address within approximately four weeks. All financial obligations must be met and critical documents received before a diploma can be issued. If you have a change to your home address, please immediately update your address by emailing [info@peirce.edu](mailto:info@peirce.edu).

***My name is incorrect on my diploma. How do I get a corrected diploma?***

The name that appears on your Application for Graduation is the name that will appear on your diploma. If your name is incorrect on your diploma, you should contact the Office of the Registrar at 215.670.9380.

### ***Are concentrations/tracks printed on diplomas?***

Concentrations/Tracks are only listed on transcripts. The diploma will indicate the major only (Organizational Leadership and Management, Accounting, Business Administration, Criminal Justice Studies, Customer Service, Customer Service Management, Healthcare Administration, Health Information Administration, Health Information Technology, Medical Coding, Human Resource Management, Information Technology, Integrated Leadership, Leadership Development, Organizational Leadership and Management, Paralegal Studies, Legal Studies in Business, Technology Management, Liberal Studies, Cybersecurity, and General Studies).

### ***How can I obtain an official document to verify my degree?***

You may order an official transcript by visiting [my.peirce.edu](http://my.peirce.edu) and clicking on the link under the Transcript Request portlet on the Homepage. If you have any concerns, please contact the Office of the Registrar at 215.670.9380.

### ***What cumulative GPA do I need to earn for the designation of graduation honors?***

Special recognition is granted at commencement to undergraduate degree students (**associate and bachelor's degrees only**) who maintained a high cumulative GPA at completion of their studies at Peirce College as follows:

#### **Cumulative Grade Point Average**

3.95-4.0

3.850-3.949

3.700-3.849

#### **Honors**

Summa Cum Laude

Magna Cum Laude

Cum Laude

**Graduation honor cords will be mailed to eligible students.** Graduation honors are printed on the diploma. Master's and certificate programs **do not** qualify for graduation honors.

- **Delta Mu Delta**

- Peirce College encourages purchasing the branded honor cord (\$12) to be worn and displayed during graduation, signifying this great academic achievement and membership.
- **For Delta Mu Delta members** wishing to purchase an honor stole (**not required**), please visit <http://deltamudelta.org/shop-dmd-e-stores>. On this website, you will need to download and complete the e-store order form. Honor stoles cost \$30 (not including shipping).

- **Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX)**

- **For LEX members** wishing to purchase a graduation sash (**not required**), please visit the AAFPE website: [https://www.aafpe.org/assets/LEX\\_GraduationSashOrderForm\\_2018-04\\_pub\\_0001.pdf](https://www.aafpe.org/assets/LEX_GraduationSashOrderForm_2018-04_pub_0001.pdf)

***Will my diploma indicate that I have been awarded a graduation honor?***

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***Where can I find additional information regarding specific commencement procedures?***

Please visit the My Classes tab on <https://my.peirce.edu> for updates and additional information on Graduation. Materials posted on this website will be updated periodically. For questions, email <mailto:commencement@peirce.edu>.

\*\*Additional information will be sent to your Peirce and personal email addresses, and via text message. You can also view the Peirce College website and portal for updated Commencement information.