

## Frequently Asked Questions for Graduating Students

### *Am I eligible to participate in the Graduation Ceremony?*

Students must complete all degree requirements, graduate students must have a 3.0 or above career GPA and undergraduate students must have a 2.0 or above career GPA, and fulfill all financial obligations by May 1, 2022 to be eligible to participate in Commencement.

### *If I do not plan on participating in the commencement ceremony, am I required to pay the graduation fee?*

All students who apply for graduation must pay the graduation fee of \$75.00 even if they do not intend to participate in the ceremony. This fee does not include the cost of the cap and gown for the commencement ceremony.

### *When and where is the 2022 commencement ceremony?*

Peirce College's 2022 Commencement will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022. This year's Commencement will feature two ceremonies - one at 12 p.m. and one at 3:30 p.m. at the Suzanne Roberts Theater, located at 480 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia. Live streaming options will also be available for those who are unable or who would prefer not to attend in person.

For updated information regarding the commencement ceremony, please visit: <https://my.peirce.edu> or <http://www.peirce.edu/Current/Graduation/Default>.

### **The 12 p.m. Ceremony will include the following divisions:**

**Business Division** (Accounting, Business Administration, Customer Service, Human Resource Management, Leadership Development, & Integrated Leadership/Organizational Leadership & Management)

**Legal Studies Division** (Criminal Justice & Paralegal Studies)

**Information Technology Division** (Cybersecurity, Information Technology, & Technology Management)

### **The 3:30 p.m. Ceremony will include the following divisions:**

**Health Programs Division** (Healthcare Administration, Health Information Administration, Health Information Technology, Human Services Leadership, & Medical Coding)

**Liberal Studies Division** (General Studies & Liberal Studies)

**Graduate Studies/Masters Division** (Healthcare Administration, Organizational Leadership and Management, Nonprofit Leadership)

\*Please note that students receiving 2 different degrees should purchase regalia for the highest degree earned and should attend the ceremony for that degree. Both degrees earned will be mentioned during the ceremony.

### *What time do I need to arrive and when should my guests arrive?*

The doors will open for graduates 60 minutes before the start of the ceremony. The doors will open for guests 30 minutes before each ceremony.

***What are the COVID policies?***

Please note that all graduates, guests, staff, and volunteers must be vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend. This is a requirement set by the theater and is in alignment with Peirce’s COVID-19 policy. This will be strictly enforced. The theater’s policy can be viewed by going to <https://philadelphiatheatrecompany.org/covid/>. Please contact **commencement@peirce.edu** with any questions or concerns. Masks must be worn properly at all times, including when graduates are on stage and when receiving their diploma. All graduates will be provided with a Peirce College mask upon arrival.

***When can I order my cap and gown?***

You may purchase your cap, gown, and hood from Herff Jones by going to the site listed below. The directions are attached. Cap and gowns will go on sale **March 14, 2022**. Caps and gowns must be purchased no later than **May 9, 2022**. <http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/peirce/>

**The cost of the gown and hood is as follows:**

Associate: cap, gown, tassel, and hood: \$54 plus tax and shipping  
Certificate: cap, gown, & tassel (no hood): \$34 plus tax and shipping  
Bachelor: cap, gown, tassel, and hood: \$55 plus tax and shipping  
Master: cap, gown, tassel, and hood: \$60 plus tax and shipping

***How many tickets will I receive for graduation?***

Based on the number of graduates who have responded to the Commencement Ceremony survey, each graduate will receive two (2) tickets for their guests. An official determination will be made within the next month. At that time, you will be provided directions on how to request tickets.

***Will my diploma list my concentration/track?***

Concentrations are only listed on transcripts. The diploma will indicate your major only.

***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 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

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

Graduation honors are printed on the diploma. Master's and Certificate programs **do not** qualify for graduation honors.

***When will I receive my graduation honor cords?***

Graduation honor cords will be given to eligible students the day of the commencement ceremony before the start of the program. Upon request, eligible students not participating in commencement can request their honor cords through the Office of the Registrar. To make this request, please contact the Office of the Registrar at 215-670-9380 or [info@peirce.edu](mailto:info@peirce.edu).

For Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX) members wishing to purchase a stole (**not required**) please visit, the AFFfPE 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)

For Delta Mu Delta members wishing to purchase an honor sash (**not required**) please visit the Delta Mu Delta website: <http://deltamudelta.org/shop-dmd-e-stores/>

***How can I 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?***

Students may 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. Please note if you wish to get pictures taken in your cap and gown you will need to bring that with you. Lifetouch will not have any Peirce graduation regalia on hand.

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

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