



May 2023 COMMENCEMENT REMINDERS

Friday May 12, 2023

Credit Union 1 Arena – 525 S. Racine, Chicago
Ceremony at 4:00 p.m.

Tickets:

- All guests are required to have a commencement ticket. (Including children over the age of 2) All graduates will receive **four (4) guest tickets**. Graduates may sign-up on a waiting list for **two (2) additional tickets** (pending availability) in SU 207. Additional tickets, if available, will be distributed Monday May 8-11 in the order that they were requested on the waiting list.
- **Do not lose your tickets. Replacement tickets are not available.**

Prior to Graduation Day:

- All graduates must purchase their cap and gown. (Blue for Bachelors, Black for Masters)
- Students will receive one (1) parking pass for themselves and/or their guests. Additional guests will need to pay for parking, \$10 per car. Parking is located at:
 - Lot 1A – 1109 W. Harrison
 - Lot 1B – 199 W. Harrison
- If you or your guests require sign language interpreting services, please send an email to suecs@neiu.edu or call (773) 442-4636.

Graduation Day:

- Please plan on wearing comfortable shoes as you might be standing for long periods of time and going up and down stairs.
- Graduates should arrive **between 2:00pm-3:30pm** to check-in and receive their name card.
- Graduates should check-in at Gate 2 off Harrison Street. (See map for entrance)
- All personal belongings should be left with guests as the University is not responsible for loss or damage of these items. **NO BAGS/PURSES WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE GRADUATE LINE-UP AREA.**
- **Only graduates are allowed to access the ceremony floor and walk across the stage.** Graduates needing mobility assistance should contact the Student Union, Event and Conference Services to make arrangements prior to the ceremony at suecs@neiu.edu
- **Please show respect to ALL graduates and plan to stay for the entire ceremony.** (Ceremony will last approximately 2.5 hours)
- Leaving and retiring from the arena during the ceremony is not permitted.
- Graduates who arrive after the ceremony has begun may not be able to participate.

Guest Information:

- All guests should enter the main entrance (Gate 3) at the corner of Racine and Harrison.
- Guest entrance will open at **2:30 p.m.** and seating is **general admission** (No assigned seating).
- **No balloons, confetti, noise makers, or strollers** will be allowed inside the pavilion.
- Flowers will be available for purchase at the Arena.

We encourage everyone to use the hashtag #NEIUGrad on social media.

Be sure to follow us on [Twitter \(@neiu\)](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram \(@neulife\)](#)!

Visit www.neiu.edu/commencement for a complete guide to Commencement.