

Chancellor Edwin Jebb, President & Vice-Chancellor Doug Lauvstad, the Council of Elders, Governing Council, and Learning Council invite faculty, staff, friends, and the public to honor the graduating class at the 2024 UCN Convocation Ceremonies. The entire UCN community also extends congratulations to the award recipients and graduating class.

Convocation Dates and Times

We will begin each Convocation day with a Pipe-Ceremony, everyone is welcome!!

<p>The Pas Campus – Tuesday, June 25, 2024 9:00 a.m. – Pipe Ceremony Mamawechetotan Centre</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – Convocation Ceremony Roy H Johnston Arena 523 Smith Street The Pas, MB</p>	<p>Thompson Campus – Wednesday, June 26, 2024 9:00 a.m. – Pipe Ceremony Ininwi Kiskinwamakewin Centre</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – Convocation Ceremony CA Nesbitt Arena (TRCC) 274 Thompson Drive Thompson, MB</p>
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Information for Graduands

Eligibility to Graduate

Enrolment Services will collect your Application to Graduate form and confirm if you have met all requirements for the appropriate credential. You can contact Enrolment/Student Services to confirm the status of your application/eligibility.

Academic Apparel Pick Up

The UCN academic apparel you have reserved (via the Application to Graduate) can be picked up as follows:

The Pas

Monday, June 24, 2024	OR	Tuesday, June 25, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.		11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Roy H Johnston Arena		Roy H Johnston Arena
Main Lobby		Main Lobby

Thompson

Tuesday, June 25, 2024	OR	Wednesday, June 26, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon		11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Room number: 213		Bill Comaskey Wellness Center
Second Floor, UCN, Thompson		Thompson Regional Community Center (TRCC)

What should I wear?

The Convocation ceremony is a formal occasion. Graduands are required to wear UCN academic attire during Convocation ceremonies which consists of a gown, v-stole and cap and tassel. Keep in mind that the academic gowns can be warm, we recommend that you do not wear suit jackets, sports coats, or

heavy sweaters under your gown. For safety reasons, we also recommend shoes with lower heels. The length of the gowns is mid-knee to mid-calf.

Please Note: You are not be permitted to carry personal belongings in the processional. We recommend you leave items such as the following with a family member or friend:

- flowers or gifts received off stage
- purses or bags
- jackets
- programs

What if I have accessibility requirements?

We try to ensure that this event is as accessible as possible, for both graduands and guests. We always ensure that a wheelchair-accessible ramp is set up with the stage at each event and both venues are accessible for guests. We ask that you notify us as early as possible about considerations you may need at the event by contacting: The Pas Campus Enrolment Services at (204)627-8500; Thompson Campus Enrolment Services at (204)677-6450 or speak with your Academic Advisor.

How many guests can I bring and where can they sit?

There is no limit to the number of guests as the ceremonies will be held in arenas in The Pas and Thompson.

Guests are asked to take their seats in the venue no later than 15 minutes before the ceremony begins. Late arrivals will be asked to wait until the academic procession has ended before entering the arena.

At the Ceremony

Where should I park?

There is free parking for graduands and guests at both venues.

What time should I arrive?

You must report to the venue and designated lineup area by noon.

Your guests, family, and friends should be seated at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the ceremony, which starts at 1:00 p.m.

Reserved seating is clearly marked, guests may sit in any area not marked as reserved (including the bleacher sections). Please exercise caution when going up or down the bleacher stairs.

What happens prior to and during the ceremony?

Please gather at the designated gowning area **by noon**:

- Roy H Johnston Arena, Main Lobby – The Pas Convocation

- Bill Comaskey Wellness Center (TRCC) – Thompson Convocation

Attendants will be on hand to line up graduands by program and last name. You will process into the arena, be seated, and recess in this order.

You will receive a card with your name printed on it in the procession line. **DO NOT** lose or exchange this card as this is how the emcee will announce you as you cross the stage.

Students, instructional staff, and invited guests participate in the academic processional and recessional in the following order:

Eagle Staff Carrier
Council of Elder Members
Chancellor
President & Vice-Chancellor
Platform Party Members (Including Academic Deans)
Instructional Staff
Registrar
Graduands

The recessional order is:

Eagle Staff Carrier
Chancellor
President & Vice-Chancellor
Platform Party Members (Including Academic Deans)
Council of Elder Members
Graduates
Registrar
Instructional Staff

Note: The Instructional Staff and Graduands/Graduates order is reversed for the recessional.

How will the emcee know how to pronounce my name?

During the ceremony, you will present your name card to the emcee and discreetly whisper the pronunciation of your name to her before s/he announces you to enter the stage and receive your credential.

Photographs

Your family and guests are welcome to take photographs as you cross the stage to receive your parchment. The front row is designated as a 'picture row' and can be used at the appropriate time to take pictures. We only ask that you surrender the spot once your graduate has crossed the stage for other family members and guests to use. Please avoid overcrowding the area where graduates leave the stage or line up to enter the stage.

What do I do after I receive my credential?

After you are called to cross the stage, you approach the Chancellor with your parchment or folder. He will have you stand between him and the President and Vice-Chancellor for a photo opportunity. The President and Vice-Chancellor will then move you along to the Dean and Instructional Staff members. The Dean will greet you. After that, you will exit the stage and return to your seat.

In respect of the entire graduating class, we ask all graduates return to their seats after receiving their credentials and that all graduates and guests remain until after the processional.

After the Ceremony

What do I do after the ceremony?

At the end of your ceremony, graduates, instructional staff and platform party guests will recess out of the event space to a reception area.

Academic Apparel Return

All academic apparel must be returned no later than 4 p.m. on June 25 and June 26 as follows:

The Pas Ceremony

Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Roy H. Johnston Arena – Main Lobby

Thompson Ceremony

Wednesday, June 26, 2024
CA Nesbitt Arena (TRCC) – Bill Comaskey Wellness Center

If you do not return all of your apparel, you will be liable to pay the full value (plus taxes) as listed below and these will be charged to your student account.

Certificate/Diploma/Bachelor
Gown: \$126.08
Full-Fit Gown: \$190.89
V-Stole: \$26.56

Souvenirs

Your campus bookstore will be on-site at each venue to sell a wide variety of souvenirs and a limited supply of flowers will be made available prior to the event.

The Pas – Roy H. Johnston Arena – Main Lobby
Thompson – CA Nesbitt Arena (TRCC) – Main Lobby

If you would like other items to remember your time at UCN, please visit the campus bookstores in The Pas and Thompson prior to or after Convocation for mementos.

Contacts

For graduation eligibility or other questions about your credential:

UCN Enrolment Services
204.627.8500 (The Pas)
204.677.6450 (Thompson)

If you have any questions regarding Convocation please contact:
convocation@ucn.ca