

The University College of the North community extends congratulations to the 2022 UCN graduating class and award recipients.

Convocation Dates and Times:

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

<p>The Pas Campus - June 28, 2022 9:00 a.m. – Pipe Ceremony Mamawechetotan Centre</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – Convocation Ceremony UCN Gymnasium 436-7th Street East</p>	<p>Thompson Campus – June 30, 2022 9:00 a.m. – Pipe Ceremony Ininwi Kiskinwamakewin Centre</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – Convocation Ceremony Letkemann Theatre R.D. Parker Collegiate 272 Thompson Drive North</p>
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Information for Potential Graduands/Graduates

Academic Apparel Pick Up

The academic apparel you have reserved (via the Application to Graduate and Faculty Gown Order Form) can be picked up as follows:

The Pas Ceremony

Tuesday, June 28, 2022
 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
 UCN Cafeteria

Thompson Ceremony

Thursday, June 30, 2022
 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
 RD Parker Collegiate Cafeteria

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.

UCN has two categories of students that can participate in Convocation ceremonies;

You are considered a graduand if you are registered in the Spring Term, and have either yet to be completed or your final grade has not been received by Enrolment Services prior to convocation date.

What should I wear?

The Convocation ceremony is a formal occasion, so appropriate attire is recommended. However, keep in mind that the academic gowns can be warm. We recommend that you do not wear suit jackets, sport 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.

What if I need accessibility requirements?

We try to ensure that this event is as accessible as possible, for both graduands/graduates 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 speaking with your Academic Advisor.

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

Due to limited seating availability at each venue, graduands/graduates will be provided with the following number of tickets each, based on seating capacity:

The Pas – 2 tickets
Thompson – 3 tickets

Information regarding ticket pick-up

- 1. Tickets will be available for pick up at the Enrolment/Student Services Office as of June 13, 2022. Should you not be able to pick up your tickets in advance, they will be available at the venue on the day of Convocation.**
- 2. Please email if you wish to hold tickets. Should you not require two tickets, please contact convocation@ucn.ca informing us of this.**
- 3. Students needing extra tickets, please contact convocation@ucn.ca to be placed on a waiting list, in the event extra tickets become available.**

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/graduates and guests at both venues.

The Pas – near the main entrance of UCN and student parking area

Thompson – near main entrance of RD Parker

What time should I arrive?

You should report to the venue and designated line up 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, attendants will be on hand to line up graduands/graduates by program and last name. You will process into the arena, be seated and recess in this order.

During the Convocation ceremony, you will not be permitted to carry personal belongings across the stage, including but not limited to:

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

At the ceremony and while in the procession line, you will receive a card with your name printed on it. **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
Graduands/Graduates

The recessional order is:

Eagle Staff Carrier
Chancellor
President & Vice Chancellor
Platform Party Members (Including Academic Deans)
Council of Elder Members
Graduands/Graduates
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 him before 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 (graduates) and folder (graduands). The front row is designated as 'picture row' and can be used at the appropriate time to take pictures. We only ask that you surrender the spot once your graduand/graduate has crossed the stage for other family members and guests to use. Please avoid overcrowding the area where graduands/graduates leave the stage or line up to enter the stage.

Official portraits are not available at Convocation

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 graduands/graduates to return to their seats after receiving their credential and that all graduands/graduates and guests remain until after the processional.

After the Ceremony

What do I do after the ceremony?

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

Please return your academic apparel (see below) no later than 4 p.m. 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: \$112.25 V-Stole: \$23.65

Academic Apparel Return

All academic apparel must be returned no later than 4 p.m. on June 28 and June 30 as follows:

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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 – UCN Bookstore
Thompson – Kiosk will be set up near the Letkemann Theatre

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