



Frequently Asked Questions – GRADUATION CEREMONY 2022

St. John's Region –
Prince Philip Drive, Ridge Road, & Seal Cove Campuses

GRADUATION DAY

When is my graduation session?

- Please visit your Campus website for your Graduation Session information:
<https://www.cna.nl.ca/explore-our-campuses/>.

What should I wear?

- Dress appropriately; you will be required to wear a gown and v-stole, which will be available to you on graduation day. We **recommend** that you wear casual business attire and proper footwear – remember, you will be on stage at the Jack Byrne Arena. **No hats permitted.**

What time should I arrive for graduation?

- Graduates must arrive **one hour before** your session is schedule to begin.
Note: External doors to the Jack Byrne Arena will open to the public at 9:00am for the morning session.

Where do I park?

- **Parking is limited.** It is recommended that you arrive early in order to obtain a parking space, or car pool with classmates.

What is the process for graduation?

- Graduates will enter from the door on the far right corner of the Jack Byrne Arena.
- Guest will enter through the main door (box-office door) of the Jack Byrne Arena.
 - Look for applicable “Welcome Graduates” and “Welcome Guests” signage.
- You will be required to register at the registration desk (located through the “Welcome Graduates” entrance.
- You will receive a graduate card printed with your name and program. **You MUST bring this card** with you for presentation **on stage** so that your name will be announced.
- We encourage you to not bring personal belongings with you during the ceremony, as you will not return to the same seat after you walk across the stage.
- After you have registered, you will pick up your gown and v-stole from the designated area. Once you have your gown and v-stole, take advantage of the photo props on the Main Floor and get some self-portraits. You will be directed to **proceed** into the Graduate seating area to meet your classmates, as the Ceremony time gets close. There will be ushers in the area to assist if you have any questions.
- When your class is called, you will be led to the stage. Each student’s name will be announced in alphabetical order. You will stop at the podium and pass your graduate card to the Graduation Host who will call your name. When your name is announced, continue to centre stage to receive your scroll then you will be directed back to your seat until the end of the ceremony.
- Graduation hats will be provided to each graduate at the end of the graduation ceremony. These hats are **not permitted** to be worn during the ceremony. Graduation hats can be used later for graduation photos and can be kept as a memento of your academic achievements and to remember your graduation day. Please check out the area after the ceremony to obtain your graduation hat.
- **The gowns and v-stoles cannot be removed from Jack Byrne.**

Will there be opportunity to take self portraits?

- Yes, there will be CNA branded backdrops that will allow you opportunity to get pictures **before** the ceremony.

Alumni & Advancement Services at Ceremony

- **DIPLOMA FRAMES:** Proudly display your achievement! Frames will be available to purchase at the graduation ceremony on the second floor and are also available during regular business at CNA Bookstore at Prince Philip Drive Campus
- **FLOWERS:** Various arrangements available in the main area. PRE-ORDERING is also available online at www.thecommentgroup.com/cna
- **PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICE:** All graduates will have their photo taken across the stage. These will be available to purchase from Celebrity Photo Studio. Please visit their table at the ceremony to order. Full studio photo service with various packages available at studio located at 255 Duckworth Street, St. John's. *Capture the Day!* www.celebrityphotostudio.com, lynn@celebrityphotostudio.com, 709 579 1107
- **GRADUATION CUPCAKES AND WATER FOR GRADUATES:** As a small token of celebration, we will be providing a graduation cupcake and bottle of water for each graduate – *please visit us on the second floor.*
- **CONTEST:** We are giving away an *Apple Watch Series 7!* All you have to do is register before June 24 for a chance to win (*some exceptions apply*). To register, visit www.cna.nl.ca/connect. Contest is sponsored by TD Insurance, our affinity partner.

Awarding of Academic Awards

- Awarding of Academic Awards will be acknowledged when you are on stage. Please see the policy for details on criteria around the awards. Please keep in mind awards are **not** given on stage to **Potential** students, but will be mailed at a later date. If you have not completed all courses, work-terms and placements for your program, then you are considered a Potential Graduate.
 - **Policy SS-204-PR- 4.0 Eligibility for Governor General's Medal**

The Governor General's Medal is awarded to a graduate who has achieved the highest weighted/overall average at each campus where applicable. The student must be graduating from a two or three-year, diploma-level program.
 - **Policy SS-204-PR- 5.0 Eligibility for President's Medal of Excellence**

The President's Medal of Excellence will be awarded to one full-time student in each program who attains the highest weighed/overall average in his/her program; the student will also receive a certificate. Criteria are as follows:

 - ♦ 5.1 Candidate must meet all College scholarship criteria.
 - ♦ 5.2 The medal is campus-based.
 - ♦ 5.3 The medal is available to both Certificate and Diploma-level programs.
 - ♦ 5.4 For continuous intake programs, all students who have attended up to and including their formal graduation date are considered in that academic year.
 - ♦ 5.5 In cases where there are multiple classes of the same program at one campus, only one medal will be issued.
 - ♦ 5.6 In the event of a tie, there will be additional recipients.
 - **Policy SS-204-PR- 7.0 Honour Society Status at Graduation**

The College recognizes graduates who have attained honour society in each semester of their program resulting in an overall grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 and/or no mark less than 80%. Students who achieve this will be recognized during the graduation ceremony with an honour cord.