



ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS SPRING OR SUMMER?

Be sure to complete the following steps:

- Visit with your advisor. Check your degree plan to ensure you will complete all required courses. You can find all degree plans and checklists here: <http://www.sscok.edu/academics/degree-programs/index.html>
- Complete the APPLICATION FOR DEGREE COMPLETION in your MySSCOK account.
- Complete the online DEGREE COMPLETION SURVEY (a link will be sent to your SSC email account with the subject "Graduation Survey" if you have earned more than 40 credit hours).
- To participate in the Commencement Ceremony in May, visit the SSC Bookstore no later than May 1st to purchase a cap and gown. This lets us know that you will be participating and reserves your seat at the ceremony.

Note: You will have access to your SSC student email account for up to 18 months after you graduate to allow you to check for correspondence from the school and receive information regarding your record.

SSC COMMENCEMENT DETAILS

DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Although students may complete degree requirements and graduate at the end of the fall, spring, or summer semesters, Seminole State College has only one commencement ceremony each year and it follows the spring semester. This year it will be held on **Friday, May 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Raymond Harber Field House** on the SSC campus.

PARTICIPATION

Fall 2025 graduates and spring/summer 2026 expected graduates are encouraged to participate in the ceremony. To reserve your spot, go to the SSC Bookstore in the Student Union to purchase a cap and gown by **Friday, May 1, 2026**. You will receive more information about the check-in location with your purchase. Graduation announcements, t-shirts, and gifts are also available for purchase.

AUTHORIZED REGALIA

Students in SSC honor organizations (Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Kappa Delta, Psi Beta, & Mu Alpha Theta) will be provided graduation regalia by their organizations. Also allowed are cords or stoles provided by Tribal Higher Education Programs. Other accessories or commencement regalia must be approved on a case-by-case basis with the SSC President's Office.

DAY OF COMMENCEMENT

SSC does not have a rehearsal for the graduation ceremony. Office staff will assist students at check-in on the morning of May 8th. Students must be there **no later than 9:30 AM** to check in, dressed in appropriate attire along with caps and gowns. You will be directed to where you line up after you check in. Office staff will let you know when the procession to the gymnasium will begin. **DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

Friends and family are encouraged to attend. The doors will open at 9:00 am, however space is limited. Please ask your guests not to save seats. Overflow seating for guests is at the Jeff Johnston building where they will be able to view a live stream of the graduation ceremony. For guests unable to attend, we will air the ceremony on the Seminole State College Facebook page.

There will be a professional photographer at the ceremony to take pictures of students—the company will contact students after the ceremony about the purchase of these pictures. Family and friends must stay back behind designated areas to ensure an orderly student procession.

Please contact the SSC Admissions Office with questions at 405-382-9230 or admissions@sscok.edu.

SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Raymond Harber Field House

Seminole State College does not have a rehearsal for the commencement ceremony. Below you will find very important information about what will take place on commencement morning.

- Check-in location: South end of Raymond Harber Field House (located in the Wellness Center and circled on the map on page 2). You must be there **no later than 9:30 AM** and you will be directed on where to line up after you check in. Office staff will give directions to the line of students about when to enter the gymnasium. Please stay in line.
- Family and friends are welcome, but seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Overflow seating will be in the Jeff Johnston Building.
- The tassel (on top of your cap) should be on the **right side** before and during the ceremony. You will move it to the left when President Reynolds tells you to do so during the ceremony.
- Once in line, please remain in single file and follow the person in front of you during the procession.
- SSC personnel will direct you to the proper row. A graduation program will be in your chair.
- Office personnel will tell you when to stand and go to the podium — please **remain in single file line** on the red carpet when it is your row's turn. Only one row at a time will be asked to stand and proceed to the podium.
- **Stand behind the first stanchion closest to the podium — do not proceed to the podium until motioned to step forward and present your name card.**
- Each student will be given an index card with his/her name on it. If your card has a small "X" on it, we are unsure about the correct pronunciation. Please tell the announcer (quietly and slowly) how to pronounce your name when you hand them your card.
- **DO NOT proceed to President Reynolds until your name has been announced.** After your name is called, you will proceed to President Reynolds and she will hand you an empty diploma cover. Then, you will shake hands with each of the Regents and proceed to where a professional photographer is taking pictures. One picture will be taken as you receive your cover and one in front of the flags before you return to your seat. Please return to your seat in a timely manner since the flow of students must keep moving. The photography company will contact you about the purchase of these pictures. Please be seated while the other graduates receive their diplomas. You will be told when to stand as a group after everyone receives their diploma covers.
- ***Your diploma will not be in the cover*** - it will be mailed to you after grades and degrees are verified. (Spring transcripts with final grades/degree listed and diplomas will be available after July 1st, 2026 – Summer transcripts with final grades/degree listed and diplomas will be available by September 1, 2026)
- Caps and gowns do not need to be returned — they are yours to keep.
- ***Please tell family/friends in attendance to remain seated until all graduates have exited.***

If you have any questions about graduation, please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@sscok.edu OR 405-382-9230