



COMMENCEMENT SERVICE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 18-19, 2020

GRADUATION GUIDE FALL 2020

GRADUATION DAY DRESS CODE

Graduates are required to dress in dark clothes and wear dark shoes with graduation regalia.

- Women should wear dark, solid-color dresses, skirts, or pants.
- Men should wear navy or black pants and dark colored ties.

GRADUATION PREPARATION

Registrar's Office

- Rehearsal:** Due to schedule changes, we will no longer be having a Graduation Rehearsal for any ceremony. In place of rehearsal, there will be a video sent to all graduates the week of graduation discussing specific graduation instructions.
- Ceremony:** Since each degree program will have its own commencement service, please see the times below for your specific ceremony schedule. **You will need to arrive no later than one hour before your ceremony start time.** Doors will open one hour prior to start time.
 - **Friday, December 18th at 9:00am - All Leavell College Graduates**
 - This includes all Certificate, Associate of Arts, and Bachelor of Arts Graduates
 - **Friday, December 18th at 1:00pm - ProDoc Graduates**
 - This includes DMin, DEdMin, and Post-Doctoral Certificate Graduates
 - **Friday, December 18th at 5:00pm - ReDoc Graduates**
 - This includes ThM, PhD, and DMA Graduates
 - **Saturday, December 19th at 9:00am - Master of Arts December Graduates**
 - This includes only Master of Arts Graduates who finish their degree in December
 - **Saturday, December 19th at 1:00pm - Master of Divinity December Graduates**
 - This includes any MDiv, MTS, MMCM, and Certificate Graduates who finish their degree in December
 - **Saturday, December 19th at 5:00pm - All Returning Masters Students**
 - This includes all Masters level students who finished their degree in May or July and are returning to walk.
- Tickets:** In order to follow all state and local COVID-19 restrictions, we will be limiting the number of guests everyone can bring. **Therefore, each graduate will receive four tickets for guests. Please note: children of any age must have a ticket as well.** Tickets will be handled through Eventbrite, and they will be required for any guest for entry into the ceremony.
 - **Please note,** as of December 1, 2020, we have reached our maximum number of ticket reservations. There will be no ticket waitlist, and ticket reservations can no longer be made.
- Per city ordinances, masks will be required for all ceremonies. This includes all children 6 years old and older. Your safety and the safety of everyone involved in these ceremonies is our top priority.
- Notify the Registrar's Office **immediately** if your plans change for attending the graduation ceremony.
- Unless you notify us **in writing**, we will count on you to be present for the commencement service.

Diploma

- If you chose to receive your diploma before the ceremony, you **must** bring your diploma and diploma cover with you to **rehearsal**. That way, Dr. Dew can officially hand you your diploma during the ceremony.

- If you did not receive a diploma cover originally, we will provide one for you.
- If you have had any problems receiving your diploma, please contact transcript@nobts.edu.

Childcare

- Childcare will be provided at the Early Learning Center for children ages 7 weeks to 6 years and at the Homeschool Building for ages 7-10 (*this also includes children of our out-of-town guests*). Appropriate COVID-19 restrictions will be observed, but you *must* make a reservation.
- Childcare will open 30 minutes before the service begins, and all children must be picked up 15 minutes after the service is over.
- Contact the NOBTS Childcare Co-ordinator at childcare@nobts.edu by **Friday, December 11**, to make a reservation.

President’s Office

- The President’s Graduation Reception has been cancelled. We hate to have to make this decision, but it is the safest action to take at this point.

Overnight Guests

- Should you be coming from out of town, you may want to book a room at our Providence Guest House, located across the street from the seminary. To make a reservation, call 504-944-4455.

Photos and Videos

- A video will be produced and professional photographs will be taken on graduation day. Videos and photographs will be available for purchase. See attached DVD order form and the photography order form. Video and photographs orders must be ordered at rehearsal or by mail. See respective forms for mail order information and addresses. **DO NOT SEND PORTRAIT GALLEY ORDERS TO NOBTS!**

Congratulations! If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate office at (504) 282-4455.

GRADUATION DVD ORDER FORM – FALL 2020

- Leavell College Graduate/Doctoral

We will be videoing graduation and will make DVDs available.
Please bring your completed form with payment to graduation practice, or mail to:

NOBTS ATTN: Media Services
3939 Gentilly Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70126
Cash or Check only. **Make checks payable to NOBTS.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

**For more information please call
Media Services: (504) 816-3219 or
Communications: (504) 816-8003.**



