



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

- Location:** Due to COVID restrictions, **we have changed the location from graduation.** Graduation will now be held at **First Baptist Church of Covington** located at 16333 Louisiana Highway 1085, Covington, LA 70433.
- 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 10:00am - All Leavell College Graduates**
 - This includes all Certificate, Associate of Arts, and Bachelor of Arts Graduates
 - **Friday, December 18th at 2:00pm - Doctoral Graduates**
 - This includes Certificate, ThM, DEdMin, DMin, DMA, and PhD Graduates
 - **Saturday, December 19th at 8:00am - All Master of Arts Graduates**
 - This includes only Master of Arts Graduates
 - **Saturday, December 19th at 10:00am - All other Masters Graduates**
 - This includes any MDiv, MTS, MMCM, and Certificate Graduates
- Tickets:** All tickets previously reserved and allotted are still valid.
- Childcare:** Due to location changes, **we can no longer offer childcare.**
- 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.

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.

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.*