

# COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Horry-Georgetown Technical College • Spring 2024

**Congratulations!** We look forward to welcoming you and your guests to the 2024 Spring Commencement Ceremony on May 1, 2024, at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center as we celebrate your academic achievements and lasting contributions at HGTC. Please refer to your commencement tickets for the time of your assigned commencement ceremony.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- **March 1** Graduation applications are due to the Registrar's Office for Spring 2024 graduates.
- **April 8** Last day graduation applications will be accepted for name to be included in commencement program.

## **ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS**

Spring 2024 Commencement Ceremony participants must be one of the following:

- December 2023 Graduate (Fall 2023)
  - May 2024 Graduate (Spring 2024)
  - Students scheduled to graduate in August 2024 (Summer 2024)
- \*\*Students with questions concerning eligibility should check with their Academic Advisor or contact the Registrar's Office: registrar@hgtc.edu\*\***

## **CAP AND GOWN**

- The deadline to purchase your cap and gown is **April 26** in order to be eligible to walk at commencement.
  - Caps and gowns are available for purchase in the college Barnes & Noble Bookstore locations on both the Conway and Georgetown Campuses beginning Monday, March 25, 2024.
- Conway Store Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm and Friday 8am-12pm.**  
**Georgetown Store Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm.** HGTC will be using royal blue caps and gowns. Black regalia will not be permitted.

## **TICKETS**

- All students who have purchased a blue cap and gown, submitted a valid graduation application, and presented their current student ID will be eligible to receive tickets.
- Each individual requires a ticket. This includes children of all ages.
- Each graduate is eligible to receive 10 guest tickets.

## **GRADUATION TICKET DISTRIBUTION TIMES**

### **CONWAY CAMPUS**

**Building 1100B, (formerly Café 1100)**

Tuesday, April 9, 9am-4pm

Wednesday, April 10, 9am-4pm

Wednesday, April 17, 9am-4pm

### **GEORGETOWN CAMPUS**

**Building 100, Room 114**

Monday, April 8, 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm

Tuesday, April 16, 1pm-4pm

### **GRAND STRAND CAMPUS**

**Building 200, Student Lounge**

Thursday, April 11, 12pm-4pm

Monday, April 15, 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm

**\*\*Students must obtain their tickets on one of the distribution dates above.**

**Students who plan to attend Commencement alone, and do not need tickets for guests, must email commencement@hgtc.edu with their name and H-number.**



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## **COMMENCEMENT DAY: MAY 1, 2024**

This year there will be two ceremonies, one at 11:00am and one at 3:00pm. Graduates will be assigned to the ceremony based on the degree they are completing. Please refer to the link and QR code below for full details about which degrees will be celebrated at each ceremony.

- Participants are to arrive in Exhibit Hall A at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, 2101 Oak Street, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 no later than 60 minutes prior to the time of the ceremony, located on your tickets, on May 1, 2024, in required regalia.
- At check-in, graduates will be provided with instructions on seating and crossing the stage. Each graduate will be given a name card with a designated seat number. Staff will be available to assist students with any questions or concerns.
- The guest entrance will open one hour prior to the ceremony. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. (Traffic will be very heavy so it is important to plan arrival times accordingly.)
- It is important to note that the Myrtle Beach Convention Center and HGTC will not be responsible for any stolen or misplaced belongings. There will not be a secure place to leave student or guest personal items.

## **CEREMONY ETIQUETTE**

- The Commencement ceremony is a dignified event honoring student academic accomplishments.
- According to College policy, students are only permitted to walk across the stage for one earned degree, diploma, or certificate.
- Once seated, out of courtesy for all graduates, candidates are asked to remain seated for the duration of the ceremony.
- Balloons and noisemakers are prohibited in the Exhibit Hall.
- Once you receive your diploma/certificate, you will not be permitted to leave until the entire ceremony is over.
- Guests who leave the Exhibit Hall during the ceremony may be unable to re-enter.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Commencement programs will be available at each graduate's seat.
- A photographer from GRAD IMAGES will take photos of each graduate receiving the congratulatory letter on the stage. GRAD IMAGES will contact all graduates regarding the purchase of photos.
- Candidates and guests who need disability accommodations should notify the Office of Disability Services by email at [disabilityservices@hgtc.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@hgtc.edu) at least two weeks in advance of the event. Individuals should bring their own wheelchairs or walkers if they have limited mobility. Only one guest may accompany those who require wheelchair-accessible seating so as to secure enough seats for all guests with special needs.
- Please make sure that your address is up to date in your myHGTC account.
- Food, beverages, and smoking are not permitted in the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.
- Metal detectors and bag-checks will be in use. Only clear bags will be allowed.
- Commencement will be streaming live on HGTC's Facebook page, [facebook.com/gohgtc](https://facebook.com/gohgtc).



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