

2024  
**Commencement**  
Information Sheet

**Congratulations, students,  
parents, and families!**



Commencement is an exciting time of year. You should all feel an element of personal pride: You've accomplished a great deal. Thank you for sharing your experience with New England College.

We are proud of our graduates—past, present, and future. Their achievements best represent New England College's mission of personal transformation and growth.

I look forward to celebrating with you!

With warmest regards,

**Wayne F. Lesperance Jr., D.L.P.**  
*President*  
*New England College*



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**New England College  
Commencement Ceremony**  
Saturday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m.

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**Regalia may be picked up at the  
NEC Pilgrim Shop.**

Please contact the Pilgrim Shop to arrange pickup of your caps, gowns, hoods, and tassels. NEC Pilgrim Shop: 603.428.2220

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**[nec.edu/commencement](https://nec.edu/commencement)**

Visit our web page for more information.

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**Commencement questions?**

Contact us at [commencement@nec.edu](mailto:commencement@nec.edu)

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Friday, May 17, 2024

### Pilgrim Shop

9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. | 20 Main Street

### Commencement Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. | Commencement ceremony location

- Undergraduate on-campus seniors are required to attend.
- Graduate students and online students are strongly encouraged to join but are not required to attend.

*All graduating students are invited to lunch immediately following rehearsal.*

### Barbecue Lunch

12:30 p.m. | Simon Patio

### LAMPRO Luncheon

12:30 p.m. | John Lyons Building

Private luncheon reception for graduates of the LAMPRO program

### Graduate Celebration and BFA Exhibition

5:00 p.m. | Art Village

Congratulatory toast for graduates and their families. Reception to meet the artists will follow. Graduates, families, and guests are welcome. RSVP at [nec.edu/commencement](http://nec.edu/commencement).

## Saturday, May 18, 2024

### Breakfast Buffet

7:30–9:30 a.m. | Gilmore Dining Hall

Pay at the door: \$7.00 per person. RSVP at [nec.edu/commencement](http://nec.edu/commencement).

### Doctorate Reception

8:30–9:45 a.m. | Center for Education Innovation (CEI)

Private breakfast reception for EdD students and faculty. RSVP to Dr. Gavin Henning at [ghenning@nec.edu](mailto:ghenning@nec.edu).

### Pilgrim Shop Pop-Up

8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. | Simon Green

### Pilgrim Shop

11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | 20 Main Street

### Graduates Assemble for Procession\*—A formal event

9:00 a.m. | Covered Bridge

All graduates are welcomed and escorted to their place in line. If you are a graduating student, RSVP at [nec.edu/commencement](http://nec.edu/commencement).

### \*SPECIAL NOTE TO GRADUATES

Any student arriving after the platform party has been seated will NOT be allowed to march or sit with the graduating students. Therefore, it is imperative that any student wishing to participate arrive at the covered bridge by 9:00 a.m.

### Commencement Ceremony

10:00 a.m. | Simon Green

*Rain Location: Lee Clement Ice Arena*

Join the celebration of New England College's 77th Commencement. Graduates, parents, students, families, friends, alumni, staff, and faculty are all welcome. Commencement typically lasts two hours.

### Commencement Reception

The Class of 2024, their families, and guests are invited to a reception in the Simon Center Great Room immediately following the Commencement ceremony.

### Parking

Members of Campus Safety will be available to direct you to the nearest parking facilities. Handicap parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis in front of the Simon Center.

### Accommodations

A list of area motels, hotels, and inns can be found at [nec.edu/visit](http://nec.edu/visit).

### Flowers

Flowers will be available for purchase at Commencement.

### Seating

Commencement is traditionally held outdoors on NEC's beautiful Simon Green. There's plenty of space, and no tickets are necessary. Seating is first come, first served, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

### Photography

The College has engaged a professional photographer who will take photographs of all graduates as they receive their diplomas. Photographs will be available for purchase through the photographer's website. For a link to the photographer's website, please visit [nec.edu/commencement](http://nec.edu/commencement). Those wishing to take their own photographs may do so from their seats or from the designated photography area to the left of the stage. Please make your visit to this area brief so that others may enjoy the same opportunity.

### Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, Commencement will be held in the Lee Clement Arena. Seating is limited. For others, a live broadcast will be available in the Bridges Gym. The decision on the Commencement location will be made 48 hours prior to the event and communicated through the College's website.