

# 2018 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,

**Michele Perkins, EdD**  
*President, New England College*



**New England College  
Commencement Ceremony**  
Saturday, May 12 at 11:00 a.m.

### **Regalia is On Sale In the NEC Bookstore**

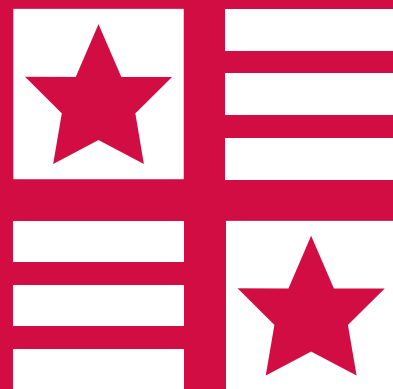
Please contact the Bookstore to arrange purchase and pick-up or shipment of your caps, gowns, hoods, and tassels.  
NEC Bookstore: 603.428.2220

### **nec.edu/commencement**

Visit our web page for more information.

### **Commencement questions?**

Contact us at [commencement@nec.edu](mailto:commencement@nec.edu)  
or 603.428.2225.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Friday, May 11, 2018

### Barbecue Lunch

11:30 a.m. | at the Commencement Ceremony location

All graduating students are invited to lunch immediately prior to rehearsal.

### Graduation Rehearsal

Immediately following the BBQ | at 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.

### NEC Bookstore Hours

8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. | Simon Center

### Annual Student Art Show Exhibition

11:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. | Chester Art Gallery 3:00 p.m. Reception to meet the artists  
Graduates, families, and guests welcome!

### Commencement Eve Social and Champagne Toast

(RSVP to [www.nec.edu/commencement](http://www.nec.edu/commencement))

5:00-7:00 p.m. | Simon Center Great Room (complimentary)

The President's toast will occur between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

## Saturday, May 12, 2018

**Breakfast Buffet** (RSVP to [www.nec.edu/commencement](http://www.nec.edu/commencement))

7:30-10:00 a.m. | Gilmore Dining Hall

Payment may be made at the door, \$6 per person.

### EdD Reception

9:00-10:00 a.m. | Center for Education Innovation (CEI)

EdD students and faculty enjoy a private event to robe, exchange congratulations, and have breakfast. Contact Gavin Henning if you plan to attend at [ghenning@nec.edu](mailto:ghenning@nec.edu).

### Veterans/Military Reception and Breakfast

(RSVP to [www.nec.edu/commencement](http://www.nec.edu/commencement))

9:00 a.m. start time | John Lyons Center, room 103

Students who are veterans and in active service, and their family members and guests, are welcome.

**Online Student Breakfast** (RSVP to [www.nec.edu/commencement](http://www.nec.edu/commencement))

9:00-10:00 a.m. | John Lyons Center, Learning Commons and Café

**NEC Bookstore Hours** (No regalia sold after 10:00 a.m.)

8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Simon Center

### Graduates Assemble for Procession – a formal event\*

(if you are a graduating student – RSVP to [www.nec.edu/commencement](http://www.nec.edu/commencement))

10:00 a.m. | Covered Bridge

All graduates are welcomed and escorted to their place in line.

### \* SPECIAL NOTE TO GRADUATES

**On Commencement Day, 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 arrives at the covered bridge by 10:00 a.m.**

### Commencement Ceremony

11:00 a.m. | Simon Green

Rain site: Lee Clement Arena

Join the celebration of New England College's 71 Commencement.

Graduates, parents, students, families, friends, alumni, staff and faculty are all welcome. Commencement typically lasts two hours.

### Commencement Reception

The Class of 2018, 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. Should you or a guest require handicapped parking, please contact [commencement@nec.edu](mailto:commencement@nec.edu) so that we can make necessary arrangements.

### Accommodations

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

### Flowers

Flowers may be pre-ordered or purchased at Commencement. Visit: [nec.edu/commencement](http://nec.edu/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 9:00 a.m.

### Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, Commencement will be held in the Lee Clement Arena. Seating is limited. Each graduate is estimated to receive two guest tickets. For others, a live broadcast will be available in the Field House. The decision on the Commencement location will be made 48 hours prior to the event and communicated through the College's website.

### 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 [www.nec.edu/commencement](http://www.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.