



COMMENCEMENT 2025 INFO GUIDE

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GETTING STARTED

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in Commencement, you must:

- Complete, either in Fall 2024, Spring 2025, a program, certificate, or diploma in one of these areas:
 - High School Diploma
 - High School Equivalency (GED or HiSET)
 - Advanced English as a Second Language (*both level 6 & level 7*)
 - Advanced Prevocational English as a Second Language (*both PreVESL 1 & 2*)
 - Career/Technical Education

A full list of eligible programs can be found at www.sdccce.edu/commencement-2025

COMPLETE THE PARTICIPATION FORM

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/SDCCE2025Grad> (or scan the QR Code at right) to complete the Commencement Participation Form and report your completion, indicate your interest in participating in Commencement, and more!



CAPS and GOWNS

SDCCE offers *free* caps and gowns to eligible students - you must complete the Participation Form and provide your details by **Friday, May 9** to be considered in the first round of distribution, which is done *while supplies last*. Caps and gowns will be distributed, along with other regalia, at events scheduled throughout late May at campuses of the College.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Requests for disability accommodations for students or their guests may be indicated on the Participation Form directly, and must be followed up by contacting the Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) Office at (619) 388-4812. Requests for accommodations must be received by **Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 5PM**.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Are you interested in being this year's student speaker on behalf of the College of Continuing Education? Each year, we are proud to highlight a student and their accomplishments with a keynote address during Commencement. If you are interested, contact a Counselor at your campus, or the Office of Student Affairs at SDCCCEStudentAffairs@sdccd.edu

DURING COMMENCEMENT WEEK

COMMENCEMENT IS FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

beginning at 5PM SHARP!

REHEARSAL

Students are **highly encouraged** to make every effort to attend Commencement Rehearsal, held on **Thursday, June 5, starting at 3PM** at the Organ Pavilion. Rehearsal is your best chance to see and walkthrough the entire venue before the event, and to ask questions about the process. Mark your calendars now!

PARKING and TRANSPORTATION

Parking at Balboa Park is **very limited** - we encourage students to carpool as much as possible, and park in the Inspiration Point parking lot, which is accessed via Park Boulevard and Presidents' Way. Tram service regularly runs between this lot and the area of the Organ Pavilion. Maps and other details will be provided to participants in advance. MTS Routes 3 & 120 provide access to the west end of the Park via Laurel Street; Routes 7 & 215 provide access nearest to the San Diego Zoo.

BALLOONS, NOISEMAKERS, and CONFETTI ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT BALBOA PARK. YOU

WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IF YOU BRING BALLOONS TO THE PARK.

This applies to students *and* guests - do not, under any circumstances, bring balloons, noisemakers, or confetti to Commencement.

ARRIVAL TIME ON COMMENCEMENT DAY

Student check-in will begin at 3PM on the day of Commencement; you and your guests are encouraged to arrive no later than 3:30PM to ensure time for parking, walking or taking the tram to the Pavilion, and getting settled. If you wish to participate in the group photos for each campus and/or program area, those will be taken between 4PM and 4:15PM near the check-in area.

GUESTS and CHILDREN

You are welcome to invite anyone and everyone you like to this event - there are no tickets required and admission is always free. However, note that children **must be accompanied** by a responsible adult 18 or older throughout Commencement, and are **not** permitted to be seated in the graduate seating area at the front of the Pavilion.

WEATHER

June weather in San Diego can be quite variable - this event is held **rain or shine**, unless there is an **extreme** weather condition requiring alternative accommodations.