

Congratulations!

Congratulations on reaching this important milestone! Please read this information carefully and thoroughly as it contains important details regarding the 2018 commencement ceremony for both graduates and guests.

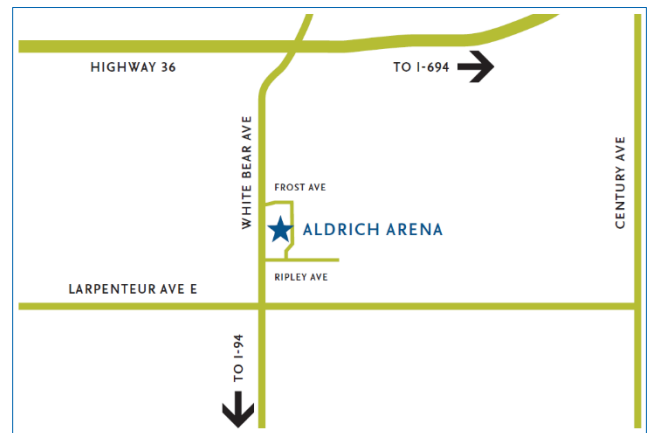
Application for Graduation

If you plan to graduate in fall 2017, spring 2018, or summer 2018, and wish to attend the 2018 commencement ceremony, the deadline to complete your application for graduation is **Friday, March 2nd, 2018**. You must meet with a counselor or advisor to apply for graduation. Call (651) 450-3508 to make your appointment, or plan to attend Graduation Application Days, which will be held in the counseling and advising center on November 6th-10th, 2017 and February 26th-March 2nd, 2018. Counselors and advisors will be available for walk in appointments on these dates to assist with your application for graduation.

Commencement Ceremony

To honor your achievement, Inver Hills Community College will hold its 2018 commencement ceremony at Aldrich Arena in Maplewood on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00pm. Aldrich Arena is located at 1850 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood (see map at right).

Graduates attending the commencement ceremony should check in at the west entrance of Aldrich Arena no later than 6:00pm on the evening of Thursday, May 10. Be sure to allow adequate time for travel to Aldrich Arena. Inver Hills does not hold a commencement rehearsal, so it is important that you arrive on time so that you can receive instructions about the ceremony and find your place in the lineup.



The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00pm and will last approximately 90 minutes. A reception will be held in your honor on the arena floor immediately following the ceremony.

Cap and Gown

Graduates will need a cap and gown to participate in the commencement ceremony. Graduates participating in the commencement ceremony will be able to purchase their cap and gown from the bookstore for \$25 beginning April 2, 2018.

Veterans and Military Service Members

Inver Hills recognizes graduates who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces. Veteran honor cords are available at no additional cost and can be picked up beginning April 2 in the Veterans Services office.

Honors Medallions

Honors medallions are given to students who graduate with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.75 or higher while earning at least 20 credits at Inver Hills. Honors medallions may be picked up beginning April 2 in the Enrollment Center.

Phi Theta Kappa Members

Members of Phi Theta Kappa may purchase a PTK stole and tassel in the bookstore beginning April 2.

Commencement Guests

Your family and friends will not need tickets to attend the commencement ceremony. Doors to Aldrich Arena will open at 6:00pm. Encourage your guests to arrive early to ensure the best seat selection. The arena offers bleacher style seating, and guests are welcome to bring seat cushions to ensure their comfort during the ceremony.

Special Seating and Accommodations for Commencement

Graduates and guests who need special accommodations, such as sign language interpreter or wheelchair access, during the ceremony are strongly encouraged to let us know so arrangements can be made. Contact the office of disability services at (651) 450-3884 or disabilityservices@inverhills.edu by April 27 to request accommodations.

Parking for Commencement

Aldrich Arena offers free parking in the parking lots adjacent to the arena.

Degree Posting and Diplomas

Your degree will be posted to your transcript within one month following the end of the semester in which you completed your degree requirements. Your diploma will be mailed within 12 weeks following the end of the semester in which you graduated. Graduates who attend the commencement ceremony will receive a padded diploma cover when they cross the stage after their name is announced.

Career Services

All graduates will receive a request to complete a Graduate Follow up Survey. This survey will be emailed to you and will take less than 3 minutes to complete. The survey requests that you report any employment earned as a result of your degree or if you are continuing your education at another school. The information you provide is essential in providing quality services to other Inver Hills students and the development of your program. Please take the time to complete the survey when you receive it.

Mark your calendar for the annual Backpack to Briefcase event on April 6th, 2018 from 9am-Noon. This event is geared towards the graduating student who is ready to get into the workforce. Expect to get tips on how to be the best interviewer directly from employers, meet and network with local hiring employers and spruce up your resume and LinkedIn profile! All attendees will receive an Inver Hills portfolio and a free LinkedIn headshot. Register by emailing cel@inverhills.edu with your Star ID and major.

Are you looking for employment? Use Career Services (located in College Center 209) for assistance in your job search, creation of resumes and cover letters, mock interviews, and for job leads. Visit www.collegecentral.com/inverhills for information about upcoming events, employers on campus, and job leads! An appointment can be scheduled by emailing CEL@inverhills.edu or calling the Center for Experiential Learning at 651-450-3683.

Questions

For questions regarding graduation and commencement, please contact the Enrollment Center at (651) 450-3503 or enrollment@inverhills.edu.