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Commencement 2021

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SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES

All commencement ceremonies will take place at the Hard Rock Stadium, in Miami Gardens, FL

SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW
Sunday, May 16, 2021 9:30 a.m.

ALL UNDERGRADUATE
Monday, May 17, 2021 9:30 a.m.

GRADUATE
H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship
Monday, May 17, 2021 3:00 p.m.

Halmos College of Arts and Science, College of Computing and Engineering, Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 9:30 a.m.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION
College of Dental Medicine, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine (MBS Degree), Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine and College of Psychology
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing, College of Optometry, and College of Pharmacy
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 3:00 p.m.

Welcome

ENTRY TIMES, SEATING, & TICKETS

Tickets & Seating: Tickets will be required for guests to attend commencement at the Hard Rock Stadium. Click on the link below to obtain tickets. There is no cost for the tickets; however, depending on the positivity rate on April 15, 2021, you may be limited on the amount of tickets you can select. The stadium is seating guests in groups of 2, 4, or 6 guests, so if you are looking for family to be seated near each other, you must select seats in groups close together. Tickets will be electronic and can be viewed on your cellular device and forwarded to your guests. All candidates and their guests will be directed to **Gates 2 and 3** which will open an **hour and a half** prior to the start of the ceremony. After entering through **Gates 2 and 3**, candidates will be directed to the lineup location on the ground level, and guests will be directed to the guests seating in the stadium. (Link for Tickets):
<https://www.nova.edu/commencement/commencement-tickets>

Please be advised:

*Due to enhanced security measures, we are asking all candidates and their guests to arrive early and travel light. All persons and bags are subject to search prior to entering. The Hard Rock Stadium utilizes metal detecting hand wands or other devices at the gate.

***All bags must be clear.** Please visit the Hard Rock Policy Page at: <https://hardrockstadium.com/stadium-policy/> for more information on the stadium policy.

*Also, the seating area where candidates will be seated is on the grass, so we ask that no high heels and/or stilettos be worn on the field, because heels will sink into the grass which may cause you to stumble and/or fall.

COVID-19 advisory message: As you know, COVID-19 has been the surrounding discussion for all events being held. For the protection and safety of all who will be attending the 2021 commencement, please note that it will be **mandatory to wear a mask**. Those entering the stadium without a mask will not be permitted to enter the gates. As another safety precaution, candidates will not be walking across the stage. You will stand up at your seat as your name is called. Please visit: <https://hardrockstadium.com/covid/> for the stadium's COVID-19 guidelines.

COMMENCEMENT LIVE STREAMING

All NSU Commencement ceremonies are also video streamed in real time. Visit the [NSU Commencement website](#) and click on the “Commencement Ceremony Live” icon. All commencement video streams are archived on the NSU Commencement website approximately one week after the ceremony.

ATTENDANCE & ELIGIBILITY

Candidates who were not invited to last year’s ceremony and have achieved degree conferral since last year’s commencement exercises and prior to this year’s ceremony dates are automatically invited to participate. Each college determines its participation requirements. When in doubt, check with your academic program or visit its commencement website for clarification on the requirements that must be met in order to be invited.

SPECIAL NEEDS

We encourage *candidates* who need disability accommodations to notify the [Office of Student Disability Services](#) at (954) 262-7185 at least two weeks in advance of the event.

The Hard Rock Stadium provides handicap accessible parking spaces. Golf carts will be in operation before and after the ceremony to transport special-needs guests to and from the parking lot of the stadium.

INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NSU Bookstore partner [Herff Jones](#) provides a wide selection of invitations, announcements, class rings, frames, etc. with graduation packages specifically tailored for the NSU Commencement candidates. Purchase customized diploma picture frames directly from the NSU Bookstore.

Please call or email the [NSU Bookstore](#) at (954) 262-4799 with any questions or comments.

MILITARY STOLES

NSU honors our graduating veteran and active-duty military commencement candidates with a commemorative stole, signifying the university’s appreciation for your service and valor. The military stole, compliments of Nova Southeastern University, will be available at the [Veterans Resource Center](#) with the presentation of your email invitation to commencement and a valid military ID, Form DD 214, VA veteran’s identification card, or state driver’s license with a veteran’s designation. Please be advised that the Veterans Resource Center has moved to the first floor of the Carl DeSantis Building.

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For more information, please contact the appropriate office listed below, visit www.nova.edu/commencement, email us at commencement@nova.edu, or call 800-541-6682, ext. 27255, or (954) 262-7255. Please include your NSU student ID number in all correspondence.

Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>
(954) 262-7990	(954) 262-8539

Halmos College of Arts and Sciences

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>
(954) 262-3600	(954) 262-7001

College of Dental Medicine

(954) 262-7302

College of Computing and Engineering

cecadvising@nova.edu

College of Optometry

(954) 262-1658

College of Pharmacy

(954) 262-1300

College of Psychology

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>
(954) 262-7990	(954) 262-5803

Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine

Graduate
mbsprogram@nova.edu

Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>
(954) 262-7990	(954) 262-1485

Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences

(954) 262-1200

Farquhar Honors College

(954) 262-8408

H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>
(954) 262-7990	(954) 262-5067

Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>
(561) 805-2224	(561) 805-2224

Shepard Broad College of Law

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>
(954) 262-7990	(954) 262-6128

PROGRAMS

Commencement programs for guests will be available at all ceremony entrances. Programs will be provided for commencement candidates at their seats. The program lists the name and degree of each candidate.

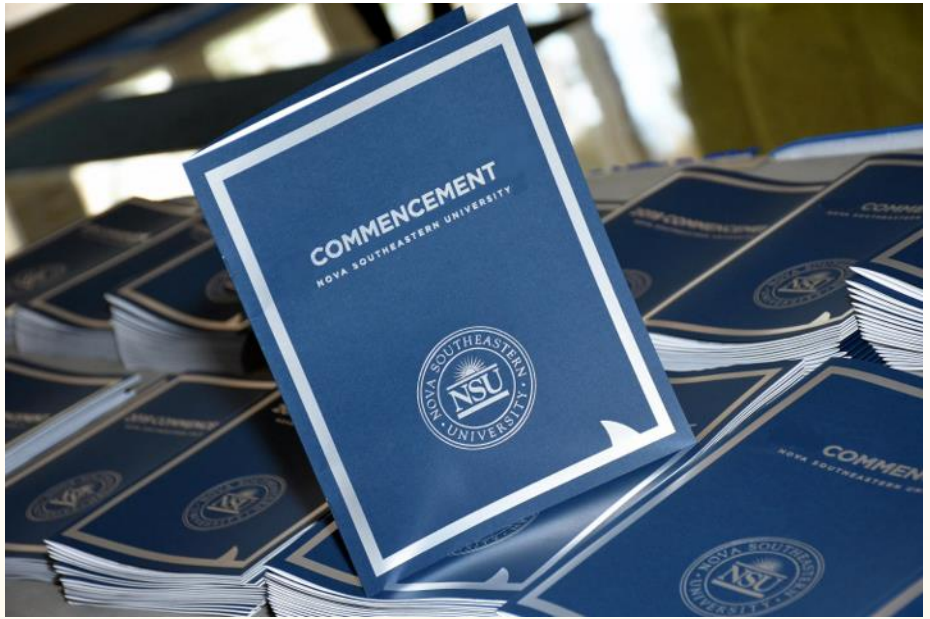
Names and information for the commencement program is retrieved as they appear in [SharkLink](#). If you have noticed an incorrect address in previous communications, correct it by completing a [Data Change Form](#) with approved documentation for any name change.

SECURITY GUIDELINES

All bags must be clear. Please visit the Hard Rock policy page at: <https://hardrockstadium.com/stadium-policy/> for more information on stadium policy.

No facilities are available for storing purses or other personal items. Please leave these items with your guests. Neither the venue nor NSU is responsible for items left unattended.

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CAPS, GOWNS, HOODS, AND TASSELS

Ordering proper academic regalia is the responsibility of each candidate who participates in NSU Commencement. Candidates who submit a Commencement Participation Form (CPF) will be automatically directed to the NSU Bookstore vendor, Oak Hall Cap & Gown, website order form. Only regalia ordered through this site are acceptable wear at NSU Commencement.

The purchase price of regalia varies according to the degree attained. [Undergraduate regalia](#) cost \$55.00 (plus tax). [Master's/Specialist regalia](#) cost \$94.00 (plus tax). The regalia are yours to keep.

Doctoral candidates may either rent regalia at a cost of \$152.98 (plus tax/shipping) with a \$400.00 refundable deposit or purchase the deluxe doctoral regalia for \$1,063.00 (plus tax/shipping). Candidates have seven business days following commencement to return the rented tam, gown, and hood by using the return box and label provided when your regalia was received. Failure to do so will result in the loss of your deposit. All regalia will be mailed to the candidates. Those who are renting Doctoral regalia, will receive a return label. Please keep the box that it came in and use the label provided to return the items requested. You may keep the stole.

Candidates who wish to have their undergraduate or master's regalia shipped domestically will be given that option but only if their order is placed by the posted deadline of April 26, 2021. Individuals requesting international shipping must allow additional time for delivery. Contact the NSU Bookstore for more details.

After the online deadline of April 26, 2021, arrangements for ordering academic regalia must be made directly from the NSU Bookstore.

Check the [commencement website](#) for regalia deadline, contact the NSU Shark Store at (954) 262-4799 or email regalia@nova.edu for all regalia information.

HEY NSU GRAD! TELL US YOUR STORY

If you are a commencement candidate who has a special story to tell—exciting plans after graduation, or a unique personal, academic, or business background—we would like to hear from you. The NSU Office of University Relations is collecting the most compelling stories to use for possible media coverage. [Click here](#) to tell your story.





DRIVING DIRECTIONS to Hard Rock Stadium

From Florida's Turnpike:

Florida Turnpike South to exit #2x to the east side of the Hard Rock Stadium.

From I-95:

I-95 North, to North on the Florida Turnpike, to exit #2x to the Hard Rock Stadium.

From University Drive:

South to 199th Street, left toward Hard Rock Stadium.

From I-75:

I-75 East to I-595 East, to South on Florida Turnpike, to exit #2x to the east side of the Hard Rock Stadium.

PARKING

Students, guests, and faculty will park at gates 2 and 3. Gate 2 if you are coming from the Turnpike and gate 3 if you are on 199th Street.

INTERNATIONAL GUEST INVITATIONS

Family members (other than a spouse and children) wishing to visit for commencement must apply for a tourist visa at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in their home countries. Use this [template link](#) to write a letter of invitation that includes your name, your reason for living in the United States, the names of your family members who wish to visit, the purpose and approximate length of the visit, and whether you will provide room and board or any other financial assistance for the visit

The U.S. State Department/Bureau of Consular Affairs hosts a website (www.travel.state.gov) with additional information about applying for a tourist visa. Please note that special COVID-19 testing requirements are in effect for U.S. entry.

APPLICATION FOR DEGREE/DIPLOMA

The deadline date to submit your degree/diploma application is during your final semester of coursework. Visit the [online application for degree/diploma](#) page for more information on completing your application. Have your NSU SharkLink email name and password ready before you begin this process.

Do not confuse the online degree/diploma application with your online commencement RSVP and regalia order form. They are two separate processes.

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ORDER OF THE CEREMONY

- When the candidates arrive, they will be directed into the lineup area on the ground level of the stadium.
- Candidates must have their regalia on, including gown, hood, and tams before entering the lineup area. Please have your family assist with this before coming into the lineup area.
- Each candidate will receive a card to write their name and as they would like it to be read (phonetic spelling helps) and the email and mailing address where their photo proofs should be sent.
- Each candidate will be directed to a photo station where a picture will be taken.
- All candidates will then be directed to the row for their degree and program.
- The procession will start moving into the tunnels about 15 minutes prior to the ceremony start time. Everyone will be directed out of the tunnel into the stadium once the procession starts.
- The academic procession consists of the Grand Marshal, degree candidates, members of the faculty, Board of Trustee members, distinguished guests, NSU administrators, and the University President.
- As the candidates are directed into the row where they will be sitting, they will hand their name card to the person directing them into the row. These cards will be used to call your name.
- Once everyone is seated, the Grand Marshal will open the ceremony and you will be asked to rise for the signing of *The Star-Spangled Banner*.
- The ceremony will have a welcome and introductions, opening remarks, speeches (the number depends on the ceremony), and the presentation of the degree candidates.
- As your name is called, you will stand at your seat, your picture will be taken, and it will also be displayed on the four jumbotrons in the stadium so your family will see you.
- To signify the closing of the ceremony, the president will ask candidates to rise at their seats for the conferral of degrees.
- Some Health Professions Division graduates are required to recite their professional oaths, which can be found in the back of the commencement program.
- The conferring of degrees is an important part of the ceremony. To ensure that you do not miss this part of the ceremony, please make sure to schedule enough time. NSU Commencement ceremonies are usually about two-and-a-half hours in length.
- The University President will share some final thoughts, and then the Grand Marshal will close the ceremony.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, the recessional starts with the stage party, followed by the faculty, and then the graduates. Everyone will be led back into the tunnels and back to the lineup area to exit the stadium.

TRAVEL ACCOMMODATIONS

For information on area hotels, restaurants, maps, and travel arrangements, visit the NSU Travel Office at www.nova.edu/travel/index.html.

Commencement Checklist

Not sure what to do or where to start in planning for commencement?

Just follow this checklist to stay on track!

SIX MONTHS BEFORE COMMENCEMENT

Check your personal information

Log into your [SharkLink](#) account to ensure accuracy of your information (i.e., spelling of name and correct permanent and/or mailing address)

Apply for your degree/diploma

An Application for Degree/Diploma should be completed and submitted with the appropriate fee no later than the last semester in which your program will be completed. An Application for Degree/Diploma can be completed online after reading the important instructions at www.nova.edu/registrar/instructions.html.

SIX WEEKS BEFORE COMMENCEMENT

Confirm your intent to participate at commencement

All eligible candidates who plan on attending must complete an online Commencement Participation Form (CPF), which is sent to your NSU [SharkLink](#) email account. At that time, review your degree information and confirm the proper spelling of your name for the commencement program.

Order your cap and gown from the NSU Bookstore

After completing the CPF, candidates are responsible for ordering their academic regalia. For questions, please call the NSU Bookstore at (954) 262-4799 or email regalia@nova.edu.

Notify guests

Families and friends are cordially invited to attend commencement. On April 15, a decision will be made as to any restrictions on guest tickets. Stadium gates will open **one hour and a half** before the ceremony begins. Tickets are required and must be ordered through the link provided to you on your invitation letter. Guests wanting to sit together will be seated in groups of 2, 4 and 6. Tickets must be ordered accordingly to be seated in the same area.

Master's, Specialist and Doctoral candidates must wear their hood when entering the stadium gates or the lineup area. There will be no hooding of candidates during the commencement ceremony.

AFTER COMMENCEMENT

Order your graduation photographs

Arrangements have been made with professional photographers to record when your name is called. There is no obligation to purchase. Your contact information will be obtained from the name card you are given at commencement. Please ensure that you provide valid email and mailing addresses.

Return your rented regalia

Doctoral candidates must return their rented regalia after the ceremony, within seven business days. Please use the box that it came in and the return label that was provided in the box. No regalia can be returned to the bookstore. Failure to return the regalia will result in the loss of the \$400 deposit.

Help NSU Gain its Rightful Place among the Nation's Best

Look for a survey from NSU Career Development that seeks information about the activities you plan on engaging in after graduation. The First Destination Survey (FDS) is a national instrument that not only helps NSU develop career opportunities for current and future Sharks but also allows the university to better compete in the prestigious *U.S. News & World Report* Best College Rankings. Find more information at the NSU Career Development website, [Handshake](#), to find jobs better, together.

AT COMMENCEMENT

Arrive on time

Plan on arriving wearing your regalia prior to the commencement start time and proceed to gate 2 and 3 of the stadium. The procession will begin 15 minutes prior to the ceremony schedule time.

Wear appropriate academic attire

Every candidate must wear approved cap and gown to participate in commencement. NSU regalia are blue for baccalaureate candidates and gray for all other degrees. No stiletto heels, tennis shoes, or sneakers should be worn.

- Baccalaureate degree candidates will wear their regalia to the graduation lineup site with their tassel to the right.
- All other degree candidates including Specialist will wear their hoods throughout the entire ceremony with their tassel to the left.

Do not bring personal items.

No purses, guests, or food and drink will be allowed in the lineup area or the field of the stadium. In fact, students are asked not to carry anything during the ceremony. There is no place to check or store purses, jackets, or personal items. Please leave these items with your guests.

Childcare is not provided.

Candidates are not permitted to bring children on to the stadium field.

Relax and enjoy your ceremony.

The ceremony will last approximately two to two-and-a-half hours. Out of courtesy to all graduates, we ask that you remain for the duration of the ceremony.

ASSEMBLY & ROBING

Candidates should plan to arrive when stadium gates open, one hour and 30 minutes prior to their ceremony start time and proceed to Gates 2 and 3 at the Hard Rock Stadium. The procession onto the stadium's field will begin 15 minutes prior to the ceremony start time.

Articles of clothing that will be visible at the neck and below the gown should be in keeping with the conservative style of the academic attire. With that in mind, please do not wear tennis shoes/sneakers. Also, stiletto heels should be avoided as they can pose a personal safety risk when walking on the field. For degrees with a hood, they should be secured so that it will not slip off the shoulders. The cap, which may need bobby pins to stay on your head, is worn parallel to the ground.

HONOR CORDS AND MEDALLIONS

Honor cords and medallions are distributed for outstanding performance and accomplishments by the academic programs prior to commencement day. Plan beforehand, as stadium staff will not have cords or medallions available for distribution on that day.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Personal photographs may be taken only before and after the ceremony. Spectators are not permitted on the field during or after the ceremony.

LEAVE YOUR MARK WITH THE SHARK

Celebrate your legacy at NSU. Honor the lasting memories that have shaped your college experience. This is your chance to leave your indelible mark on a personally engraved brick at the NSU Shark Fountain. Pick its exact spot and choose what you want to say. It is like leaving a permanent part of you in a place where you will always be remembered. Select your brick today at <http://nsubricks.nova.edu>.

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HOW TO PUT ON AND SECURE YOUR HOOD



1. Place pointed end of hood in headfirst and place it around your neck.



2. Use the button in your gown to tie it to the elastic string.



3. On the back, use the elastic string to tie it to the button on the other end of the hood.



4. "The final Look"

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