

# Commencement Procedures 2024

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## Congratulations on completing your program!

Please join us at this year's Commencement ceremony to honour your achievements with family and friends.

**Date:** Friday May 31, 2024, 2:00 pm

**Place:** Thompson Rivers University – Williams Lake Campus, 1250 Western Avenue  
Invitations are not required for entrance to the ceremony. There is no limit to the number of guests you can invite.

**Graduate Arrival:** The Library Center will be accepting graduates starting at 11:30 a.m. You must arrive before 1 p.m. to allow adequate time for gowning. The academic procession is scheduled to start punctually at 2:00 p.m.

Refreshments for students will be available.

**Regalia:** Thompson Rivers University provides your regalia; it is not necessary for you to reserve the regalia. However, regalia must not leave campus, and must be returned after the ceremony ends. Graduands not returning the regalia will be invoiced for replacement costs. Take weather conditions into consideration and ensure that your footwear is comfortable.

**Crossing The Stage:** You will be walking across the stage as a part of the Commencement Ceremony. You will receive directions on the day and will be escorted by an usher.

Please note that you will not receive your official credentials on the day of the ceremony. This will be mailed to you later.

**Recession:** At the end of the ceremony, you will be directed out of the gym by an usher. Once guests have cleared the gymnasium you will be brought back in for group photos.

### Photo Opportunities Throughout the Day

Julie Elizabeth Photography provides professional photography services as you cross the stage and will have a studio set up at the ceremony to allow you to take photos with your family or friends. The cost for these photographs will be at the discretion of the photographer. While waiting to go on stage, please look for the photographer in front of the stage and watch the procedure for taking your photograph. There will be tape on the stage floor marking where you should stand for the photograph.

**Reception:** You and your guests are invited to a reception on Student Street after the ceremony for some light refreshments and to celebrate your achievements!