FALL 2021
GRADUATION NEWSLETTER

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Fall 2021
Commencement Calendar

September
Submit Intent to Graduate form.
To complete the form visit: www.king.edu/about/offices/registrar/graduation/application-for-degrees/.

If you do not submit the Intent to Graduate form you will not receive a diploma.

November
Last day to change walking status or name for program.

October
Deadline to order cap and gown without a late fee.

December
6:00 PM Nursing Pinning Ceremony at First Presbyterian Church (701 Florida Ave, Bristol, TN 37620).

RSVP to the School of Nursing required.

December
8:30 AM Graduates line up for Commencement at Viking Hall (1100 Edgemont Avenue, Bristol, TN 37620).

10:00 AM Commencement ceremony begins.

This schedule is subject to change.
Undergraduate Academic Honors

Academic honors shall be determined by the undergraduate student's King grade point average.

**Latin Honors**

Graduates who have completed a minimum of 62 semester hours of graded coursework at King (excluding PLA, and Pass/Fail credits) will be eligible for the following Latin honors:

- GPA meeting or exceeding 3.500: cum laude; or
- GPA meeting or exceeding 3.700: magna cum laude; or
- GPA meeting or exceeding 3.900: summa cum laude.

**Honors With Distinction**

Students who have completed 48-61 hours of graded coursework at King with an institutional grade point average of 3.70 or higher will graduate With Distinction in their designated field of study.

Students in a graduate program are not eligible for academic honors due to the GPA expectations set by those programs.

**Honors for Commencement Ceremony**

Anticipated honors will be announced during commencement exercises. The GPA at the end of week 10 in the student's final semester will be used to calculate anticipated honors. Graduates with summa cum laude honors will receive a gold honor cord as they cross the platform during commencement exercises.

Students who are approved to march early will not have honors announced.

*Final honors will be noted on the diploma.*
Cap and Gown Information

Graduates are responsible for ordering their caps and gowns from Herff-Jones' website. The deadline for ordering caps and gowns was October 1st:

http://www.herffjones.com/college/king/

Late orders submitted after 10/01/2021 must be placed by visiting: www.tornadoalleyshoppe.com/Cap-Gown-Order-Late-CG-Late.htm

A $25 late fee will be applied to all late orders.

When cap and gowns are ready for distribution, graduates will receive an email with pick-up/shipping instructions.

Questions related to cap and gown orders should be directed to Susan Marshall at sdmarsha@king.edu.
Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church
701 Florida Ave,
Bristol, TN 37620

King's School of Nursing holds two pinning ceremonies per year, which align with fall and spring commencement. Traditional nursing students as well as students in the RN-BSN, MSN, and DNP programs may RSVP to the event.

To RSVP, contact Claudia Reynolds at cpreynolds@king.edu.
Courses from Outside Institutions

Students taking courses from another institution within their graduation semester need to be aware that grades for such courses are due no later than 8:00 AM on Tuesday, December 14th.

Failure to meet this deadline could hold up conferral of the degree and the release of transcripts. Students are responsible for making arrangements with professors at other institutions to complete course requirements early, if necessary, in order to meet the King University deadline.

Family Diploma

A graduating student who has a parent or guardian that is a member of the King University faculty, staff, or Board of Trustees may request that the parent deliver the diploma case during commencement in lieu of the President. The student should make the request in writing to The Office of Academic Affairs at provost@king.edu at least two weeks prior to commencement. Requests after this date will not be approved.

Veterans and Active Military

We acknowledge graduates who served our country by bestowing upon them red, white, and blue honor cords. Veterans and Active Military are given the braided cord to wear around the neck at the commencement exercises.

Accommodations

Courtyard by Marriott Bristol
3169 Linden Drive
Bristol, VA 24202
(276) 591-4400

The Bristol Hotel
510 Birthplace of Country Music Way
Bristol, VA 24201
(276) 696-3535

The Sessions Hotel
833 State Street
Bristol, VA 24201
(276) 285-5040
Diplomas

King University’s Office of Registration and Records is focused on helping you progress to your next educational endeavor or career milestone.

The university has expanded our partnership with Parchment to combine your printed diploma with a secure digital version. Digital awards offer many benefits for you.

With Parchment, the leader in e-transcript exchange, the digital diploma is sent, and delivered electronically, securely, and confidentially. Just like the Parchment e-transcript service, the Blue Ribbon Verified PDS is an official record of your credentials. This type of verification ensures none of the information in the credential has been altered.

Once all degrees have been conferred, a notice will be sent to your King email account. The digital diploma allows you to share your accomplishments on social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, and LinkedIn. We encourage you to promote your talents in places where employers and future King Students will see them.

In addition to your digital diploma, we are excited to provide you with a paper diploma. Official paper diplomas will be mailed your home address on file within 10 to 14 business days after you have received your digital copy.

Diploma FAQ’s

What name is printed on my diploma?
Your name will appear on your diploma as indicated on your Intent to Graduate form.

How is my diploma sent to me?
Diplomas are sent via USPS to the HOME address on file. If your address is incorrect, you will need to contact the Office of Registration and Records before the date of conferral to change your address.

Can I order an additional diploma?
To order additional copies of your diploma, you will need to send an email to registrar@king.edu. There is a $35 fee for each additional copy.

Diplomas only list the degree earned, not the student's program of study.
Degrees include:
Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Social Work, Doctor of Nursing Practice