

Faculty and Staff Commencement Information

It's that time of year where we need to get organized for the best day of the year: GRADUATION. Here are the details of our commencement ceremony:

Date: Saturday, May 17, 2025
Location: Barton Coliseum at 2600 Howard Street, Little Rock, AR
Building: Check in at the Farm and Ranch Building
Arrival: 8:30am with latest arrival by 9:30am
Parking: Turn on S. Schiller St and follow signs for Faculty/Staff/Student parking use the open entrances.

If you are missing any part of your regalia please contact Deborah Shropshire - 501-812-2301, dwittig@uaptc.edu for assistance, we may be able to accommodate the request with stock in our offices.

Here is the WHO is **required** to attend graduation:

Full-time Faculty must attend graduation (please see your contract), dress in regalia, and participate as the historical part of the academy. Please arrive by 8:30 am and convene in the Farm and Industry Building. Please stay until we have recessed the ceremony. If you need to excuse yourself for a restroom break during the ceremony, please return to your seat.

It has been UA-PTC's practice to allow full-time faculty to assist with graduation but not walk in the ceremony or dress in regalia. We will follow this practice in 2025; however, I would prefer if full-time faculty wear regalia and walk in the ceremony in the future. It is part of the pomp and circumstance of this momentous occasion for our students. Hence, my ridiculous Tudor bonnet that my dissertation chair insists that I wear so I can honor the British origins of American higher education.

"Exempt" Staff must attend graduation. You are welcome to either register to work at a particular station, or dress in regalia and walk with the faculty. If you prefer to work at a workstation, please arrive by 8:00 am and stay until the ceremony and cleanup is finished.

Other required staff include our Police team and Records Office. Individuals who work in these areas are required to attend graduation. If these employees are non-exempt, they will earn comp time. If they are part-time employees, they will be compensated for the hours worked on May 17.

Here is the WHO **may** volunteer for graduation, but are NOT required:

Part-time Faculty are welcome to participate in graduation, but they are NOT required to attend.

“Non-Exempt” Staff may volunteer to help with graduation but are NOT required to attend graduation. If you volunteer and work 40 hours the week of May 12-16, you will earn comp time for working at graduation. Please arrive by 8 am and work until the ceremony and cleanup is finished.

Excused absences are handled on a case-by-case basis. Please email your supervisor or Dean to obtain an excused absence by noon on May 9, 2025. They will facilitate each case and pursue permission from the Provost and/or Chancellor.

