

Commencement Procedures 2025

Congratulations on completing your program!

Please join us for this year's Commencement ceremony honouring your achievements!

Date: Friday May 30, 2025, 2:00 pm

Location: Thompson Rivers University – Williams Lake Campus, 1250 Western Avenue. No invitations are required to attend the ceremony and there is no limit to the number of guests.

Graduate Arrival: The Library Centre opens at 11:30 a.m. for gowning. You must arrive no later than 1 p.m. to allow adequate time for gowning. The academic procession begins at 2 p.m.

Refreshments for students will be available.

Regalia: Regalia is provided by Thompson Rivers University and must be returned after the ceremony. Graduands who do not return regalia will be billed for the replacement cost. Please consider weather conditions and wear comfortable footwear.

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

While waiting to go on stage, look for the photographer in front of the stage and follow the procedure for your photograph. There will be tape marking where you should stand. Before walking off the stage, please pause for your photo.

Please note your official credentials will be mailed to you after the ceremony.

Recession: After the ceremony, you will be directed out of the gym by an usher. Weather permitting, please join us for a group photo outside; otherwise, the photo will be taken in the gym.

Photo Opportunities Throughout the Day

Jesse Madden 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.

Reception: You and your guests are invited to a reception outside in the back plaza after the ceremony for some light refreshments and to celebrate your achievements!