

### Convocation 2023– Questions & Answers

1. **What is Convocation?** Convocation is a college-wide ceremony to celebrate student achievement and success. It is not a graduation ceremony but rather a celebration for those students who may be eligible for graduation.
2. **Timing and location?** Convocation will be on Friday June 2, 2023 at the Lac La Biche Campus. There will be two ceremonies scheduled by program and grouped to create an equal split between the morning ceremony and afternoon ceremony. A schedule outlining which ceremony programs are in will be available closer to the event.
  - Ceremony 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Portage College Gymnasium
  - Ceremony 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Portage College Gymnasium
3. **Who's eligible to attend Convocation?** Students who are eligible for graduation and whose program of studies will be completed in the 2022–2023 academic year (by June 30, 2023). Invitations will be sent in March to students who are eligible to attend.
4. **What about students who receive an invitation but withdraw from their studies before the ceremony?** The Registrar's Office will remove the names of students that withdraw prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> from the eligible student list.
5. **Will graduates who completed their programs during COVID 19 (Academic year 2019/20 to 2021/22) be invited to in-person 2023 convocation ceremonies?** Yes, we invite you to participate in-person 2023 convocation ceremonies. RSVP requests usually occur in the month of March each year, so please mark it on your 2023 calendar and be sure to reach out to Student Services at that time if you would like to come in person.
6. **Will graduation be celebrated at the end of the program?** Convocation is a college-wide celebration of student achievement. Program areas have the individual choice of whether or not to celebrate student completion.
7. **Where can I get more information about Convocation?** At Student Services 1-866-623-5551
8. **Do I have to wear a cap and gown and what is the cost?** All students participating in the ceremony are expected to wear the cap, tassel and gown. There is no cost to the student as Convocation is a gift from the College to the Student. Students will be required to register to ensure cap, tassel and gown ordering. The cap and tassel are yours to keep after the ceremony.
9. **Will I get my certificate (or diploma) at the ceremony?** No, you will receive a letter in your convocation package. Your certificate (or diploma) will be mailed to you at a later date.
10. **Is Childcare Services provided?** No
11. **Is there food available/provided?** There will be refreshments available throughout the day. Food will not be provided, but there is the onsite Voyageur Grill located on the Lac La Biche campus where you can purchase meals, snacks and beverages.
12. **What are all the events happening that day at the Lac La Biche Campus?**

9:00 a.m. – Practical Nurse Pinning Ceremony (Theatre)  
 10:00 a.m. – Convocation Ceremony (Gym)  
 11:30 a.m. – Award Ceremony (Gym)  
 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Honor Ceremony (Theatre)  
 2:30 p.m. – Convocation Ceremony (Gym)

Please contact Student Services for more information 1-866-623-5551