

Kaplan University – A different school of thought (logo)

Congratulations Kaplan University Graduates! It's time to get ready for Graduation Day.

The 2017 ceremony will be held on Saturday June 3, 2017 at the Rosemont Theatre just outside of Chicago, Illinois.

Graduates of the Schools of Business, Technology, and Health Sciences will participate in the morning ceremony...

...and Graduates of the Schools of Education, Nursing, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Concord Law School will participate in the afternoon ceremony.

Let's take a walk through the ceremony process so you know what to expect on Graduation Day!

Graduate Check-In

First, upon arrival to the theater you will check-in to get your reader card.

Your reader card is very important as you will hand this to the Reader as you cross the stage so they can announce your name.

1. Arrive 40–60 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.
2. Arrive dressed in your cap and gown.
3. Graduates proceed to Check-In; and Guests proceed to the auditorium to be seated.
4. Leave any personal items and valuables such as handbags/purses with your guests for safekeeping.

Your guests can arrive when you do as the theatre doors open one hour prior to the start of the ceremony.

If you want to complete the check-in process early, you can check-in on Friday afternoon.

Then, you can visit the Graduate Services Area. There are many booths to visit in this area so plan accordingly.

Career Services, Student Life, Military, and the Student Store are a few of the groups that will be onsite, along with many others.

Graduate Services Area

Approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony all graduates will report to the Staging Area, which is located on the Mezzanine Level of the theatre.

Here you will line up by the number indicated on your reader card. Kaplan Ambassadors (in red shirts) will be in the staging area to assist you find your placement in line.

Reader Card (note the Line-Up number)

Graduate Line-Up

Next you will be led into the theatre for the processional. You worked hard for this so smile and enjoy the moment.

Graduate Processional

If your friends and family cannot attend the ceremony, they will be able to watch it live on the web.

After a few comments from the Kaplan University President and Keynote Speaker, you will be led to the stage– the moment you have been waiting for!

Photographers will be backstage to take your photo which will be available to order a few weeks after the ceremony.

As you approach the stage, hand your reader card to the Reader.

The Reader will announce your name and degree as you cross the stage.

Graduation Reader

Master's Hooding

If you are a Master's Level Graduate, you will be hooded on the stage and then will proceed to receive your diploma cover and handshake.

Undergraduates take the stage

Undergraduates will have their name announced then will proceed to receive their diploma cover and handshake.

Photographers will be onsite to capture it all so smile big and show enjoy your moment.

Upon exiting the stage, you will be directed back to your seat until the conclusion of the ceremony.

At the end of the ceremony, your degree will be conferred by the Kaplan University President. Then, you will be dismissed to process out of the theatre and meet your guests in the lobby.

Conferring your degree

Enjoy your day. Take photos and celebrate. We are proud of you!

Congratulations Kaplan University Grad – You Did It!

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