

# Graduation Policy

## Graduation Requirements

Students must complete the general education and education requirements in the major as described in the Curriculum and Courses section of the College catalog. Students are expected to assume responsibility for understanding the requirements of their program and for seeking appropriate assistance to do so.

Diplomas and transcripts will not be issued to graduates with outstanding financial, testing or exit interview obligations to the College of Health Sciences, until such obligations are met.

## Application for Graduation

Students must apply for graduation by the posted deadline in the semester PRIOR to the one in which they wish to graduate.

The College's allowing a student to participate in the graduation ceremony does not obligate the College to confer a degree should the student subsequently fail to meet degree requirements.

## Graduation Exercises

Graduation ceremonies are held in May and December. Degree conferral dates are in May, August, and December following the end of the term. Arrangements regarding date, time, place and program are the responsibility of College administration.

## Graduation Honors

Graduates with an associate degree will be awarded honors based on cumulative grade point averages as follows:

Highest Distinction	3.87 or above
High Distinction	3.64-3.86
Distinction	3.50-3.63

Graduates with a baccalaureate degree will be awarded honors based on cumulative grade point averages as follows:

Summa Cum Laude	3.87 or above
Magna Cum Laude	3.64-3.86
Cum Laude	3.50-3.63

## Honor Society

The Bryan College of Health Sciences is a member of the Nu Rho Chapter – at – Large of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. In March of each year the chapter inducts new graduates into the chapter based upon the graduate's grades and faculty recommendations.

## Program completions at times other than end of term

Students who complete all their degree requirements at times other than the end of a semester (i.e. mid-term) will be invited to participate in the next regularly scheduled graduation ceremony and their graduation date will be the next identified degree conferral date.

Students wishing to participate in an earlier commencement ceremony may file a petition with the Registrar. Forms are available from the Registrar. Each petition will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

## Program completion in August

There is no August ceremony, therefore students with 6 or fewer credits needed to complete graduation requirements at the end of the spring semester may participate in the May graduation ceremony provided they:

1. Are registered for the needed courses in the immediately following summer term; and
2. Will complete those needed courses by the end of the summer term as defined by Bryan College of Health Sciences. Students will not receive their diploma until all requirements are completed. These students will not be considered for May graduation honors.

Students completing requirements in August will be listed as August graduates in the May graduation program. These students will not be considered for May graduation honors and will receive their diploma and honors when all requirements are completed. Upon completion of program requirements, if criteria have been met for honors, the diploma and transcript will reflect those honors.

## Failure to meet program requirements by graduation date

Students who do not successfully complete program requirements at their expected time will no longer be considered a part of their intended graduation cohort. Upon completion of program requirements the student may reapply for graduation.