

USM NURSING GRADUATION CEREMONIES
INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILIES/GUESTS AND PINNERS

1. Parking will be available in the USM structure for free; however you may need to take a ticket when driving in. The gate will be up when you exit which means you will not need the ticket. The garage connects to the Abromson Center.
2. Hannaford Lecture Hall will open for family and friend seating at approximately 5:15 pm. Each guest must present an invitation to the usher at the door. INVITATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED. Seating is on a first come first serve basis. It will be best for pinners to sit near an aisle. There will be reserved seating for handicapped individuals (hearing, vision, physical) with advanced notice.
3. Pinners will enter the stage from the right side (as you face the stage) and the student enters from the left. If you cannot climb the stairs to the stage, please have your student notify the staff planners in order for accommodations to be made. You will meet each other at a spot just to the left of center stage. Be aware that a good picture on stage requires you to turn and face the audience and your picture taker, so take your time doing this.
4. Pinners and photographers: please keep an eye out for your student as they line on the left side of the stage. When your student is the **third** in line to enter the stage, you should leave your seat. The pinning persons will go to the right side of the auditorium so that they can enter the stage up the right staircase. The picture takers should stand on the right side of the seating where students and pinners will come down from the stage. This all allows for a timely ceremony. Please do not interfere with the photographer by taking flash photos or competing for location.
5. Families! Be sure you have something to eat and drink before the ceremony. Hydration and blood sugar are keys to managing the excitement! We will endeavor to make the room cool enough to be comfortable.
6. Please join us for a reception after the ceremony in the lobby areas.