

Convocation 2018 – 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?** Convocation will be on Friday June 1, 2018. There will be two ceremonies based on an equitable split:

Ceremony	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
	Portage College Gymnasium
Ceremony	2:30 pm – 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 2017 – 2018 academic year (by June 30, 2018). Invitations will be sent in Feb/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an invitation but withdraw from their studies before the ceremony?** The Registrar's Office will remove the names of withdrawn students from the eligible student list.
5. **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.
6. **Where can I get more information about Convocation and/or sign up?** At the Student Services Centre at Cold Lake, Lac La Biche, and St. Paul campuses. For information for Boyle, Goodfish Lake, Frog Lake, and Saddle Lake campuses contact the Student Advisor. Student Services will be handling the sign-up of students.
7. **Do I have to wear a cap and gown?** Yes, all students participating in the ceremony are expected to wear the cap, tassel and gown.
8. **How much will it cost to attend?** 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 at the ceremony. Your certificate (or diploma) will be mailed to you at a later date.
10. **Is Childcare Service provided?** No
11. **What are all the events happening that day?**
 - 9:00 a.m. Practical Nurse Pinning Ceremony (Theater)
 - 10:00 a.m. Convocation Ceremony (Gym)
 - 11:30 a.m. Awards Ceremony (Gym)
 - 11:30 – 2:30 Reception (Hub)
 - 1:00 – 2:00 Honor Ceremony (Theater)
 - 2:30 p.m. Convocation Ceremony (Gym)