

How do I know my graduation application has been received?

An email will be sent from the Registrar's Office/Student Data Center to your TCTC email account that states we have received your application. You can also review your unofficial transcript that shows what applications have been received in our office. It will show as "AP-Applied" with the graduation date. If there are any discrepancies on your unofficial transcript, please contact the Registrar's Office/Student Data Center at graduation@tctc.edu.

Duplicate Credential

How do I obtain another copy of my degree, diploma or certificate?

To obtain a copy of your degree, diploma or certificate, the credential order form must be completed and submitted to TC Central.

This form is for credential orders (1 copy per form). Normal processing time for credential orders is approximately four weeks once the request is received and the \$35 payment verified. Credentials are not available for students who owe money to the College. Once your credential is delivered to Tri-County, it will be mailed to the address that has been provided by the graduate.

Graduate Accommodation

Who do I contact if I am graduating and need specific accommodations?

Graduates or guests of graduates who are wheelchair bound or have mobility issues should contact the Registrar's Office/Student Data Center at graduation@tctc.edu for specific instructions about the best way to enter and navigate the venue during the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Attire

What should I wear to graduation?

Candidates should dress appropriately for this event. Males should wear dark shoes, dark trousers, white dress shirt, and a tie. Females should wear a dress and dark shoes. All candidates should bring their cap and gown to the commencement ceremony. Extra regalia will not be available.

It is important that you do not bring anything of value that you cannot leave in an unattended area during the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony

Will there be someone taking pictures to purchase?

GradImages® will be taking photographs at your commencement ceremony. Each graduate will be photographed and receive no obligation proofs via direct mail, with all images and graduate information protected on their secure website. An individualized password will be provided to each graduate, enabling them to view their images and order prints online. If an email address is provided, a link to our website with the password to the graduates' images will be sent a week following the ceremony.

Finished prints are mailed, via first class mail, within one week of placing the order. Questions? Email giservice@gradimages.net or contact GradImages customer service department at 1800-261-2576 ex 1950.

Graduation Honors

What are the graduation honors the college uses?

Graduates who have outstanding institutional grade point averages will be recognized as honor graduates.

Honors designations are as follows:

- 3.50 – 3.74 (with Cum Laude);
- 3.75 – 3.94 (with Magna Cum Laude); and
- 3.95 – 4.00 (with Summa Cum Laude).

Honor cords designate by color that students are graduating with Cum Laude (blue), Magna Cum Laude (silver), and Summa Cum Laude (gold). Gold tassels designate that students are graduating with Summa Cum Laude.

The College covers the costs of gold tassels and honor cords and they will be provided to the graduate at the graduation commencement. Additional information can be found on {college catalog on website}

Veteran Cords

The College covers the cost of veteran cords and they are provided to our veteran graduate at the graduation commencement. The veteran cord is red/blue/white.

Honor Society

What is Alpha Zeta Beta (AZB)?

AZB is the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor fraternity for community and junior college students. To be eligible for membership, students must be enrolled in an associate degree program, have accumulated a minimum of 12 credit hours, and have achieved and maintained a GPA of at least 3.50.

Inquiries should be directed to Amelia Borders – aborders@tctc.edu concerning honor cords and information on AZB. Additional information can be found on the TCTC website at <https://tctc.edu/life-at-tctc/beyond-the-classroom>

What is the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)?

The National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) is the nation's largest leadership honor society. Our members are invited to join the Society based on their number of completed credits and their cumulative GPA. They subsequently completed a rigorous program of leadership training sessions, public speeches, and small-group workshops to become fully-inducted members.

Inducted NSLS members can pick up their cords at the Student Engagement suite (room 208 in the Student Success Center on the Pendleton Campus) before graduation. If they are unable to pick it up prior to graduation, an NSLS representative will be at the graduation ceremony to provide honor cords at that time. Questions concerning NSLS should be directed to the student engagement staff at 864-646-1307.

Graduation Letter Required for Employer

What do I need to do to request some type of documentation that I have completed graduation requirements for a job?

Students can send an email to graduation@tctc.edu from their MyTCTC email account that includes their name, Tnumber and note stating that they need a letter for graduation.

Receiving Degree, Diploma or Credential

When will I receive my Degree, Diploma and/or Certificate?

Graduates that participate in the ceremony will receive their credential when they cross the stage. Graduates that did not show up to the ceremony or indicated that they will not be participating in the ceremony will have their credential mailed to the mailing address we have on file.

If you are receiving more than one credential, all of your credentials will be together in the same cover.