Degree Conferral and Commencement

A student's official graduation from Northwest Nazarene University occurs on the day the University confers the student's degree.

Degrees are conferred after grades have been entered, degree requirements are completed, and all the academic and administrative requirements of their education program requirements verified at the end of each month during the semester and at the end of the semester. When your degree is conferred, it means you are a legal and official graduate of your program.

After degrees are posted students will be sent their diploma and can order official transcripts. Students whose degrees have already been conferred are encouraged to participate in the annual commencement ceremony conducted each spring.

Commencement Participation: All students who wish to participate in spring commencement ceremonies must have six or fewer credits remaining to complete and have all other degree requirements met.

For Ed.D. and Ph.D. Students: An Ed.D. or Ph.D. student may participate in commencement if all degree requirements are met, except for submission of the final, approved written dissertation to the NNU Library's UMI dissertation database.