

Graduation

The Graduation Ceremony is held once a year in the beginning of June. This is a celebration not just for the graduates but also their extended family and friends. If any family or friends are from out of the area and need hotel accommodations, they should book early. Graduation is normally held at a hotel in downtown Boston near the harbor.

Diplomas are issued three times during the year; graduation ceremony, the end of August, and in late February. Students who complete degree requirements after the end of the summer may attend the following June graduation ceremony. A diploma is considered to be a souvenir document unless it has been notarized, normally notarized by a state or the federal Department of Education. A major reason for this reality is the high level of webbased diploma mills who have the ability to print fake diplomas for almost any institution in the United States.

William James College does offer the ability to purchase a special diploma frame to protect and display your diploma for your home or place of employment. A student may purchase an additional diploma if you are looking to be able to proudly display your educational accomplishments in more than one location. The order form is located on the Office of the Registrar's web page under forms at the bottom of the right-hand column.

Students who have applied for graduation at the stated deadline in their final academic year and who have completed all their academic requirements, including field education requirements, by the last Friday in May, are eligible to participate in the June graduation ceremonies. Students who remain in their field education sites beyond the last Friday in May are eligible for degree conferral on August 31. Please note that William James College holds one graduation ceremony per year in early June. Students in the doctoral Clinical Psychology program who are at extended APA internships concluding in June or August may participate in the June graduation ceremony and then receive their degree on August 31.

In March more information will be provided for the graduation ceremony, the ordering of caps and gowns for the ceremony, and other activities that may need to be addressed during the last semester of enrollment.

