WGU Commencement

Commencement Weekend in Philidelphia

On Saturday, May 21, WGU celebrated more than 700 graduates in two ceremonies at the Liacouras Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Keynote speakers Johnny C. Taylor from SHRM as well as WGU alum Shayne Moore inspired the crowd in addition to four graduate speakers who shared their motivating stories. The commencement ceremony can be found here: www.wgu.edu/alumni/previous-commencements/philadelphia.html

The night before, more than 2,000 graduates and guests joined the Alumni Celebration at the National Constitution Center where they engaged with fellow night owls, met with faculty and staff, and enjoyed a night of entertainment and fun.
WGU 2022 Commencement in Philadelphia Playlist

Upcoming Commencement Weekend in Seattle and Salt Lake City

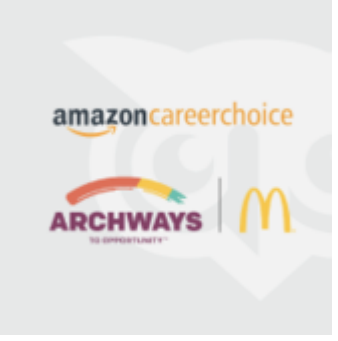
WGU's next commencements are set for July 16 and August 6. We are so excited to celebrate you all again! There's still time to RSVP if you haven't already. The deadline to RSVP for Seattle is June 24 and for Salt Lake City is July 15. For details about the events, locations, speaker applications, anthem singer auditions, and more, click on the buttons below.

Seattle Commencement Details

Salt Lake City Commencement Details

WGU News

WGU recently announced its recent partnership with Amazon and McDonald's—two of the largest employers in the country—to bring educational benefits to their workforces. Eligible employees are now able to earn a WGU degree at little to no cost through the Amazon Career Choice and McDonald's Archways to Opportunity programs. Those who are already WGU students benefit as well—eligible employees will have their tuition costs covered for future terms.*



As a WGU grad, you understand what an exciting opportunity this is for so many. Please share the news with those you know who are currently working for or considering working for these companies to see if they are eligible.

Learn More

From the Career & Professional Development Team

The Power of Networking

Internationally known networker, Porter Gale, says *"Your network is your net worth."* Networking is extremely vital for individuals who are embarking on a job search, changing careers, or are an active student. Why? 85% of job positions are filled via networking. With the COVID-19 pandemic creating an even more competitive job market, every relationship matters. Successful networking can equip you with four essential benefits:

- Gain a different perspective of the industry and various positions
- Advance your career within your current employer or externally
- Build long-lasting professional relationships
- Strengthen business connections

Article Reference

What current networking strategies are you using? The Career & Professional Development Center has great resources to help you launch your networking goals. You can **click here** for a peek at our Networking Guide, or please feel free to **contact a Career Advisor** to discuss ways to integrate networking into your job search.

Monthly Employer-Led Events

Handshake is a great tool to connect students and alumni with employers. Each month, employers take time out to host current topics within the workplace. This is a valuable opportunity for you to learn in-depth information regarding employers who share a partnership with WGU. In many cases, you will be able to participate in a meet-and-greet session with the employer during the Q&A forum. Click the Upcoming Events link to view dates and times for all programming. Be sure to e-mail the Career & Professional Development team at **careers@wgu.edu** and we will happily share your feedback with the employers.

Industry News

10-Minute Meditation for Peace of Mind

Social media, heavy workload, traffic, finances. These are only a few items that can cause frustration in our day-to-day lives. Holding in frustration and anger is not healthy for both mental and physical aspects. That's why meditation is one of the best forms to release some of the tension and get peace of mind. Headspace is a great resource for meditation and they have a few free videos on YouTube to help you meditate. Watch this 10-minute meditation from their channel to help with peace of mind.

Watch Video Here

15 Nursing Career Goals and How To Reach Them

Setting long-term goals will help you advance in your career. Accomplishing them will increase your career satisfaction and help to combat burnout. Check out these goals to get some new ideas.

Read More

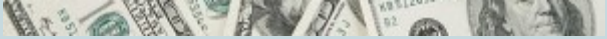
How to Prioritize DEI in the Workplace

The journey to building a diverse workforce is just getting started. Here are five ways to build a strong culture and welcome more diverse employees.

Start Now

Career Insights: 2022 Nurse Salary Report

Check out the latest career insights and salary report from Nurse.com. It includes information on average salary changes, a growing demand for travel nurses, and the pandemic's impact on the industry.



See Insights

Pride Month

Happy Pride Month! This month brings communities together to celebrate freedom for individuals to be themselves. Learn more about Pride Month **here.** Here are a few videos of graduate speakers who are a part of the LGBTQ+ community.

Zach Johnson

Listen to Zack's journey of figuring out how he helped other people, which led him down the path of becoming a nurse. Zack is a prime example of why it's never too late to follow your dreams.

Listen Here

Salomon Torrescano

Listen to Salomon's story of his upbringing from foster care to being a WGU graduate.

Listen Here

WGU Resources and Giveaway

Join the Night Owl Network

Have you heard of our Night Owl Network (NON)? The NON is a place for you to communicate with other grads and help each other out. You can join groups, post jobs, and more. Plus, there are giveaways on the NON every month. Go to https://wgunightowlnetwork.com/ and use your WGU credentials to sign in and create your profile.

Join Here

WGU Nursing Pins are Back!

WGU nursing pins are back and available to order! They are one inch wide and have a beautiful enamel finish. The pins are designed to represent WGU nursing graduates and honor the dedication, kindness, and compassion they freely offer to those in need every day. Order yours today!

Order Here

iPad Giveaway!

We are giving away a free iPad! To enter, fill out the form below by June 20 at 5:00 pm MT. One winner will be selected at the end of June.

Enter Here