



## Convocation 2012 – Friday, June 8, 2012

The University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) will host its ninth annual convocation on Friday, June 8, 2012 at the General Motors Centre (GMC) in Oshawa. There will be three ceremonies, including a morning ceremony beginning at 9:30 a.m., an afternoon ceremony beginning at 1:30 p.m., and an evening ceremony beginning at 5:30 p.m. The entire UOIT community looks forward to seeing you and your guests at convocation!

### Convocation ceremony schedule

Morning ceremony – 9:30 a.m.	Afternoon ceremony – 1:30 p.m.	Evening ceremony – 5:30 p.m.
Faculty of Health Sciences	Faculty of Business and Information Technology	Faculty of Education
Faculty of Social Science and Humanities	Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science Faculty of Science	Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
Honorary degree recipient: Mr. Ken Shaw	Honorary degree recipient: Mr. Tom Mitchell	Honorary degree recipient: Mrs. Laura Formusa

This information sheet will provide you with the details required to plan your time at convocation. Additional convocation information is available on the UOIT website at [www.uoit.ca/convocation](http://www.uoit.ca/convocation). To watch a video that explains what to expect on convocation day, go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tv1pBundUCg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tv1pBundUCg).

The duration of each convocation ceremony is expected to be approximately two hours. Out of respect for all ceremony attendees, graduates and their families are expected to remain for the entire ceremony.

Graduates are asked to **arrive one and a half hours prior to their ceremony** to pick up their academic regalia (cap, hood and gown) from the student gowning area. There will be volunteers and signage at the GMC to provide direction. You will be asked to sign in and present your student ID card. **Please bring your student ID card with you. It is required to receive your academic regalia, as well as your degree parchment.**

Guests are not permitted in the student gowning area. Graduates are required to remain in the student gowning area once they are robed. We recommend that you decide on a post-ceremony meeting place with your guests before you enter the student gowning area.

Outside food and beverages are not permitted in the GMC. Water coolers will be provided throughout the GMC and the restaurant will be open. Water coolers will be available inside the student gowning area, but other beverages and food are not permitted.

Volunteers will help graduates put on their gowns. Graduates will enter the convocation floor carrying their hoods over their left arms and will be hooded at the side of the stage during the ceremony. Degree parchments will not be handed out during the ceremony, but will be given to graduates when they return their gowns and hoods after the ceremony. The graduation caps may be kept as a class of 2012 memento.

While there is no official dress code, comfortable, professional attire under the gown is recommended. Graduates might be standing for some time while waiting for the procession, so comfortable shoes that are easy to walk in are suggested.

Flowers and other articles may not be carried in the procession. Purses and other valuables should be left with your guests. There is no place to store personal belongings in the student gowning area. The university does not accept responsibility for lost or stolen articles.

## Live webcast of convocation

UOIT will be webcasting all convocation ceremonies. This service will give graduates an opportunity to share their academic success with friends and family who are unable to attend the event. Please visit [www.uoit.ca/convocationwebcast](http://www.uoit.ca/convocationwebcast) on Friday, June 8, 2012 for access to the live webcasts. The webcast videos will be posted a few weeks following convocation and will remain online for at least six months.

## Directions

The GMC is located at 99 Athol Street East in Oshawa. Below are directions to the GMC. For maps, parking suggestions or more information about the GMC, visit [www.uoit.ca/convocationdirections](http://www.uoit.ca/convocationdirections).

### From the West (Toronto/Pickering/Ajax):

Take Highway 401 east to Oshawa. Take exit 417 (Simcoe Street), turn left at Bloor Street West, and left at Simcoe Street South. Drive north to Athol Street and turn right. Follow Athol Street to 99 Athol Street East.

### From the East (Belleville/Kingston):

Take Highway 401 west towards Oshawa. Take exit 418 to Ritson Road/Simcoe Street and continue on Drew Street. Turn left at McNaughton Ave and continue on 1st Ave. Turn right at Simcoe Street South. Turn right at Athol Street East, follow to 99 Athol Street East.

### From the North:

Travel south on Simcoe Street North to downtown Oshawa. Turn left on Elgin Street East then right on Mary Street North. Drive south and turn left on Athol Street East, follow to 99 Athol Street East.

## Parking

While there is parking available (for a fee) on the streets and in parking lots surrounding the GMC, be sure to give yourself ample time to park. You might need to walk a short distance to the GMC. For those requiring accessible parking and seating, there is a drop off point on Athol Street just north of the main entrance (Gate 2). A limited number of accessible parking spaces are available on the west side of the GMC; access to that parking lot is off of Bruce Street. Additional parking information is available at [www.uoit.ca/convocationdirections](http://www.uoit.ca/convocationdirections).

## Accessibility

The GMC allows full access for guests with special needs and disabilities. Elevators are conveniently located at Gate 1 and Gate 2. Accessible seating is located throughout the building. Ushers and wheelchairs will be available to assist guests to their seats. If you require accommodation due to a disability, please email [convocation@uoit.ca](mailto:convocation@uoit.ca) or phone the Registrar's office, 905.721.3190.

## Vendors' alley

For those interested in purchasing degree frames and flowers, representatives from the Campus Bookstore and Convocation Flowers will be located on the concourse level of the GMC. If you wish to order flowers online for pick-up at the ceremony, visit [www.uoit.ca/convocationflowers](http://www.uoit.ca/convocationflowers) for more information.

## Professional photography at convocation

**GradImages:** UOIT has arranged to have professional photographers from GradImages take pictures of each graduate during the convocation ceremony. There is no sitting fee for this service. Proofs will be sent to your home and via email approximately one week following your convocation ceremony.

**Goodall Media:** Following each convocation ceremony, interested graduates, along with their family and friends, will have the opportunity to have professional photos taken by Goodall Media who will be located on the concourse level of the General Motors Centre. A \$20 sitting fee will be charged, but deducted from select photo packages.

More information on these photography services is available at [www.uoit.ca/convocationphotos](http://www.uoit.ca/convocationphotos).

## Alumni office

Welcome to the UOIT alumni community! Please stop by and visit us on the lower level in the parchment pick up area to receive your UOIT alumni lapel pin or at the Alumni table on the concourse level of the GMC to learn more about the services available to you as UOIT alumni.

## Contact information

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