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| **1. To what size group will the speech be delivered?**  Large (100+ people |  |
| **2. The speech will be delivered to a group made up of mostly?**  (Family, Friends, Colleagues, **Graduating Nursing Students** |  |
| **3. Where will the event be held?**  **Auditorium** |  |
| **4. What kind of speech do you want?** (Combination of Funny, Heartwarming, Informative) |  |
| **5. Is there a key person(s) to whom the speech will be given? Tell us their name(s) and a little about his/her personality.**  Graduating Registered Nursing Students |  |
| **6. Please share information about events or memories you have together that you would like mentioned in the speech.**   * **How a student save my life by letting me know that I had a wheeze during a lecture which caused me to go to my doctor to find out that I had a thyroid mass that I needed surgery for.** * How I always tell them I want to see them pass and succeed. * The times they worried about every test. |  |
| **7. What do you want your audience to think or feel as a result of experiencing your presentation?**   * **Feel inspired to continue their education** * **Understand that they will change the healthcare system and become the future leaders.** * Change patient, families, and colleagues lives as they have the opportunity to influence many people. |  |
| **8. Is there an action that you would like your audience to take as a result of experiencing your presentation?**   * **Continue to strive for excellence** * Help others to succeed * Thanks their family, friends, and faculty and staff for getting them to this graduating point. |  |
| **9. What is your deadline for delivering the speech?**   * **The need the speech ASAP. It needs to be 10 minutes in length.** |  |
| **10. Finally, please provide your speechwriter with any additional information you would like to have included in your speech. Include all information you feel is essential to your speech.** |  |

This is for a pinning ceremony: A nursing pinning ceremony is all about honoring and celebrating nursing students and their journey to [**becoming a nurse**](http://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/nursing/blog/how-to-become-registered-nurse/). The ceremony is usually conducted a few weeks before a nursing program’s graduation ceremony. Many nursing students anticipate the pinning ceremony throughout their student nursing career.

“I could not wait for this moment. It felt like a dream. Then, after all the passed tests, exams and clinicals, finally it came true—the day of my pinning ceremony,” recalls Renata Jankowska, RN. “Overall, it was a deep, meaningful event and a true testament to our profession. I found it to be a meaningful celebration of my accomplishments that I enjoyed with my family, friends and fellow classmates,” she adds.

And pinning ceremonies aren’t just for the students and their loved ones—their instructors also relish in the accomplishments of their pupils. “For instructors and deans, it is by far the proudest moment to see a student succeed and reach their goals,” says Dean Rogers.

This nursing tradition is an important celebration for new graduates on the brink of entering their nursing career.

Historians can actually trace the tradition back to the Crusades of the 12th Century, when a group of knights tended to and cared for the injured and suffering crusaders. When new monks were brought into the Knights Order, they decided to continue helping sick soldiers and held a ceremony where each monk was given a Maltese cross that they wore on their arm.

Fast forward to the 1860s, when Florence Nightingale was honored with the Red Cross of St. George for her selfless efforts to injured men during the Crimean War. Because she believed in acknowledging a job well done, she presented a medal of excellence to her hardest working nursing graduates. However, by 1916 it became standard in the U.S. to no longer award only a few nurses with a medal of excellence, but instead all nursing graduates with a pin during a special ceremony. The pin was provided by the hospital school of nursing to the students to identify them as nurses and act as proof of their education.