HIGHER DEGREES

Hundreds of students from both the University of Arizona and Arizona State University celebrated graduation on Monday in downtown Phoenix.

More than 80 students graduated from the downtown branch of the University of Arizona’s College of Medicine during the day Monday, after parading through downtown with a bagpipe band. The downtown arm of the school opened in 2007, when Arizona was in the midst of a doctor shortage, the university said. The school has conferred degrees to more than 430 students since then.

On Monday evening, a group of the more than 15,000 students graduating from ASU this month celebrated their commencement at Chase Field. ASU’s graduation events began Saturday and continue through May 12.