



School of Nursing
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

School of Nursing Doctoral Hooding Ceremony Final Details

Graduating Doctoral students,

The School of Nursing graduation events are fast approaching! With that in mind we want to provide specific details for each event, with instructions and reporting times.

Student Send-Off – Signe Skott Cooper Hall

The Student Send-Off will be held on Tuesday, May 9, from 4:30–7:00pm and is for all 2023 graduates of the School of Nursing. There is no official programming; it is a chance for graduating students to relax, unwind, and celebrate with peers. There will be lawn games, photo opportunities, Bucky Badger, Ian’s Pizza, Babcock ice cream, and plenty of beverages. Pizza will be available starting at approximately 4:30pm. Bucky will be at Cooper Hall from 5:00–5:30pm.

During the Send-Off, there will also be an opportunity for graduates to sign a set of wooden ‘2023’ numbers that we will install on the wall somewhere in Cooper Hall along with the graduation class photos that will be taken after the Hooding Ceremony on May 12.

Doctoral Hooding Ceremony – Auditorium, Signe Skott Cooper Hall

Guests must have a ticket to enter the Auditorium for the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony. Doors will open for guest seating at **12:30pm**. Graduates and faculty will begin the processional promptly at 1:00pm. We ask that guests be seated prior to that time. Other than reserved seating for graduates, staff, and requested accommodations, the event is general admission.

The Hooding Ceremony will be live streamed to the UW-Madison School of Nursing’s YouTube page for support people who are unable to attend. There will also be overflow livestream viewing of the event on site in Enroth Hall, Room 1303, for support people who do not have a ticket.

Empire Photography will be taking photos during the celebration and Dean Scott and faculty will be available for photos following the event. We ask that graduates and guests refrain from taking pictures until the end of the ceremony.

Graduate Staging Area – 1227, Signe Skott Cooper Hall - REPORT TIME 12:30pm

Graduates should report to Cooper Hall Room 1227 by 12:30pm. Graduates will receive general instructions and, at approximately 12:50pm, will line up for the processional into the Auditorium.

Academic attire is required for the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony. Graduates should wear their tam and gown and carry their *unbuttoned* hood on their arm. Candidates for all advanced degrees should wear their tassel on their left side.

Graduates will be hooded in alphabetic order, by last name, within their specialty track; because of this there is a designated line up and seating assignments that graduates must adhere to. This information will be projected on the screens in Room 1227.

During the ceremony, each graduate's name and project title will be read, at which point they will walk to the front of the Auditorium and hand their hood to their designated faculty member who will place the hood on them. Immediately following the ceremony, but before guests are released from the Auditorium and Enroth, graduates will take a group picture on the Atrium stairs with Dean Scott.

Room 1227 will not be secured during the ceremony so graduates should leave valuables in Conger Lounge (which is accessible with a graduate student wiscard), with their guests, or make alternative arrangements.

Doctoral Hooding Reception – Atrium & Curran Commons, Signe Skott Cooper Hall

A reception will proceed the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony. Light h'oeuvres and cake will be available in Curran Commons. All doctoral graduates and guests are welcome at the reception! Tickets are NOT required. The reception starts after the hooding ceremony and graduate group picture (approximately 2:00pm) and will continue until 3:30pm, at which point graduates and guests should start making their way to the Kohl Center for Campus Commencement.

Friday, May 12 Summary

GRADUATES

- 12:30pm** – Graduates report to 1227, Cooper Hall
- 1:00pm** – Nursing Doctoral Hooding Ceremony starts
- 2:00pm** – Doctoral Hooding Ceremony Reception starts (approximate)
- 3:30pm** – Kohl Center gates open
- 5:10pm** – Participating graduates should arrive and be seated at Kohl Center
- 5:30pm** – Campus Commencement

GUESTS

- 12:20pm** – Auditorium doors open for guests with accommodations
- 12:30pm** – Auditorium doors open for all guests; general admission
- 1:00pm** – Nursing Doctoral Hooding Ceremony starts
- 2:00pm** – Doctoral Hooding Ceremony Reception starts (approximate)
- 3:30pm** – Kohl Center gates open
- 5:30pm** – Campus Commencement