

Doctoral Graduation 2024 Weekly Update

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Hello!

You are receiving this email because our records indicate you will be graduating this spring or summer. Please read the information below and take any action before the noted deadlines. We can't wait to celebrate you and all of your accomplishments!

View [previous communications & Weekly Updates here](#).

Included in this Update

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- Guest Tickets for the School of Nursing Doctoral Hooding Ceremony
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Deadlines

Monday, March 11, 2024 (11:59pm) - [Award Nominations](#) Close

Thursday, March 14, 2024 (11:59pm) - [Award Nominee Acceptances](#) Due

Friday, March 29, 2024 - [Apply to Graduate](#)

Friday, April 5, 2024 - Final day to [rent academic attire](#) and receive a discount

Save the Dates!

Student Send-Off

- Tuesday, May 7, 2024
- 4:30-7:00pm / Signe Skott Cooper Hall
- The student sendoff is a time for students to celebrate together! Previous send offs included heaps of pizza, ice cream, lawn games, and a photo booth. We will send out an email later in the semester to poll graduating students for ideas and preferences.

School of Nursing Doctoral Hooding Ceremony & Reception

- Friday, May 10, 2024
- Ceremony, 1:00pm / Auditorium, Signe Skott Cooper Hall
 - Guest tickets are REQUIRED for a seat in the Auditorium.
 - The ceremony will be livestreamed to the School of Nursing YouTube page.
- Reception, following the Hooding Ceremony / Atrium, Signe Skott Cooper Hall
 - Light refreshments will be served.
- More info can be found on the [Student Site Graduation Page](#)

Save the Dates! continued

UW-Madison Spring 2024 Commencement

- Friday, May 10, 2024
- 5:30pm / Kohl Center
- Guest tickets NOT required
- More information can be found on the [Campus Commencement Page](#)

Summer Graduates

Summer graduates are encouraged to participate in Spring events as both the School of Nursing and UW-Madison do not have Summer graduation events. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact the Academic Affairs Office at academic.affairs@nursing.wisc.edu.

Academic Attire

Academic Attire orders can now be placed for Spring 2024! Orders must be **placed by April 5 to receive early Badger pricing**. After April 5 orders can be placed until the day of Commencement.

Cap & Gown: All graduates must wear a cap and gown to participate in Campus Commencement as well as the School of Nursing Doctoral Hooding Ceremony.

- DNP students should receive an 8-sided tam with a gold tassel, a doctoral style gown, and a doctoral hood in apricot
- PhD students should receive an 8-sided tam with a gold tassel, a doctoral style gown, and a doctoral hood in blue

Sigma Honor Cords: Students in Sigma Theta Tau can wear an honors cord as part of their academic regalia, signifying their membership in the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Information on how to obtain a cord will be provided at a later time.

Rent vs. Purchase

Gowns and hoods can be rented or purchased. The majority of graduates choose to rent. A keeper tam and tassel comes with the gown rental (i.e., do not return tam or tassel).

Rental options include:

- [Doctoral and MFA Cap and Gown Rental Package](#) – \$169.99 (with discount)
- [Doctoral and MFA Cap and Gown Rental Plus Frame Package](#) – \$359.98 (with discount)

Once you “ADD TO CART,” you will receive a pop-up menu:

- DNP students should select “Doctor of Nursing Practice-Apricot” under School/College and enter their population track under Subject of Studies
- PhD students should select “Doctor of Philosophy-Blue” under School/College and enter “Nursing” under Subject of Studies

Apply to Graduate

In order to have your name appear in the University Commencement program, doctoral students must complete the online Apply to Graduate application in their MyUW Student Center **by Friday, March 29, 2024**. Visit the [Office of the Registrar’s webpage](#) for detailed instructions on how to Apply to Graduate.

Apply to Graduate continued

Doctoral students should verify they meet the graduation eligibility requirements for DNP & PhD students:

1. Be enrolled for a minimum of 2 credits during your final semester
2. Have a 3.0 GPA
3. Have no "Incomplete" grades
4. Meet all other degree requirements for the degree

Additionally, **PhD students** must submit a PhD Final Warrant Request.

Visit the Graduate School's website for additional information regarding completing your [Doctoral degree](#). Doctoral students should contact [Mariah Allen](#), Graduate Student Academic Advising Manager, with any questions.

Guest Tickets for the School of Nursing Doctoral Hooding Ceremony

Guest tickets are REQUIRED for a seat in the Auditorium and the School of Nursing Doctoral Hooding Ceremony. **All graduating Doctoral students are guaranteed 4 Auditorium guest tickets if desired.** You will be able to claim your guest tickets through the RSVP survey that is sent out later in the semester.

After all graduates have claimed their desired number of Auditorium guest tickets, there will be a ticket lottery where graduates may be able to get additional tickets based on how many are remaining. Guests without a ticket are still welcome to attend the Hooding Ceremony and will be able to watch via livestream in viewing rooms throughout Cooper Hall.

The ceremony will be livestreamed to the School of Nursing YouTube page so support people who are unable to attend in person are able to watch the ceremony from elsewhere!

Diplomas & Diploma Covers

Diplomas will be mailed to the designated Diploma Address in your MyUW Student Center 6-8 weeks after Commencement. Please be sure to [update your Diploma Address](#) in MyUW to ensure that these items reach you. The Diploma address can be the same as your home address, but there must be an address listed in Student Center with an address type of "Diploma."

To avoid a delay in receiving your diploma, [verify that you do not have any holds on your account](#) in **MyUW > Student Center > Tasks** that will prevent the release of your diploma. These holds will be marked as "Hold Records."

Questions? View the Office of the Registrar's comprehensive list of [frequently asked questions](#) regarding diplomas.

Diploma Covers: Graduates will receive a red diploma folder at the Commencement Ceremony in the Kohl Center. The Office of the Registrar has diploma covers available for pickup for students who are unable to participate in regular commencement events. [Check here for location and office hours before visiting.](#)

Student Name on Diploma

You can choose whether you want your [legal name](#) or [name in use/preferred name](#) on your diploma. In Student Center, the [apply for graduation](#) action asks you to select your diploma name. If you have already applied to graduate, you can go back into the application and change your diploma name preference if you wish (e.g. to change from legal to name in use). If you do not complete an application for graduation, your diploma name will default to your legal name.

You can make changes to your [name in use](#) or [legal name](#) in your Student Center after initially applying to graduate. The name in use or legal name at the time of the diploma order is what will be printed on the diploma. Any changes after the degree conferral date are not guaranteed to be reflected on your diploma due to the timing of degree posting and diploma ordering. Please note that changes to name in use/legal name after the apply to graduate deadline will not impact the name that appears on the commencement program.

If you have any questions about the name that will print on your diploma, please contact the Office of the Registrar directly.

Awards & Recognitions Nominations

Nominations for Nursing Graduation Awards and Recognitions are now OPEN! A full list of awards, recognitions, and criteria can be found on the student site [Graduation Awards page](#).

[CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE](#)

- Nominations are due by 11:59pm on Monday, March 11, 2024
 - Nominators must be logged into their wisc account to access the survey
 - Students who are nominated will receive an email immediately upon nomination submission with instructions on how to accept their nomination. Students will only be considered for an award/recognition if they accept their nomination. Nomination acceptances are due by 11:59pm on Thursday, March 14.
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Please let us know if you have any questions.

All the best,

The Graduation Planning Committee