

**Commencement Day**  
**Oregon Health & Science University**  
**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

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## **Introduction**

**OHSU's Commencement** for 2024 will be held at the **Oregon Convention Center**, in Portland on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at 1:00 p.m. The Oregon Convention Center is located at 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97232.

This guide outlines the requirements for participation in Commencement and the school hooding ceremonies and will serve as a guide for you and your family on the day of the events. Please read it carefully and keep it handy until the ceremony. Information about caps, gowns, hoods, and tassels can be found in the Regalia Guide for Graduates.

We look forward to your participation in the ceremony, which is an important celebration and time for reflection. If you have questions about Commencement, see page 6 for your School/Department contacts.

## **Convocation Checklist**

- \_\_\_ Apply to graduate in Student Self-Service by Friday, April 26:  
<https://www.ohsu.edu/education/student-self-service>
- \_\_\_ Order your cap, gown and hood (See Regalia Guide for Graduates 2024)
- \_\_\_ Order graduation announcements (See Regalia Guide for Graduates 2024)
- \_\_\_ Pick up your cap, gown and hood (See Regalia Guide for Graduates 2024)

## **Commencement**

Oregon Health & Science University's Commencement is a celebratory occasion honoring students as they culminate their academic experience at OHSU. Commencement will include faculty and administrators from all schools and will bring together members of the OHSU community for the institutional conferring of degrees.

### **Oregon Convention Center – Exhibit Hall C/D at 1:00 p.m. (Doors open at 12:15 p.m.)**

12:00 p.m. - Students will robe and line up in Exhibit Hall A1

12:00 p.m. - Faculty will robe and line up in Rooms A105-106

Immediately following Commencement, the schools will host their hooding (and pinning) ceremonies celebrating the distinctiveness of their academic disciplines. You will find information about each of the 2024 Hooding & Pinning ceremonies below.

For further information, follow the links below or contact your School/Department Contacts (p. 6).

## Hooding Ceremonies

Event	Location
<b>SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY</b>	
Student & faculty line-up	B rooms 117-119
Hooding Ceremony	Exhibit Hall B
Reception	Prefunction A lobby space
<b>SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, GRADUATE STUDIES</b>	
Student & faculty line up	E rooms 141-144
Hooding Ceremony	Exhibit Hall E
Reception	Portland Ball room, 255 & 256 and lobby space
<b>SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, MD program</b>	
Student line up	Portland ballroom, rooms 255 & 256
Faculty line up	Portland ballroom lobby space
Hooding Ceremony	Portland ballroom
Reception	Portland ballroom, 255 & 256 and lobby space
<b>SCHOOL OF NURSING</b>	
Student & faculty line-up	Oregon Ballroom, room 201
Hooding & Pinning Ceremony	Oregon Ballroom, rooms 202 - 204
Reception	Oregon Ballroom lobby
<b>SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	
Student & faculty line-up	A rooms 107 - 109
Hooding Ceremony	Exhibit Hall A
Reception	Holladay Lobby
<b>COLLEGE OF PHARMACY</b>	
Reception	C rooms 123-124

### School graduation websites:

[School of Dentistry](#)

[School of Medicine Graduate Studies](#)

[School of Medicine MD program](#)

[School of Nursing](#)

[School of Public Health](#)

[OSU/OHSU College of Pharmacy](#)

**OSU/OHSU College of Pharmacy**

Pharmacy students will attend graduation and hooding on the Oregon State University campus on Friday, June 14, 2024. Address listed below. **Pharmacy students are encouraged to also attend the OHSU/OSU Commencement ceremony as part of the collective OHSU colleges and programs.** Please order your gowns and hoods from the OSU College of Pharmacy website and plan to bring your regalia with you to the Convention Center for OHSU's Commencement.

100 LaSells Stewart Center  
875 SW 26<sup>th</sup> St.  
Corvallis, OR 97331

## **Commencement Participation Policy**

### **Commencement Participation Policy**

You are welcome and invited to participate in the 2024 Commencement if you meet one of the following conditions:

1. Your degree or certificate was awarded in Summer 2023 (August or September), Fall 2023 (December), or Winter 2024 (March).
2. You will complete your degree or certificate requirements in Spring 2024 (June) have filed an Application for Graduation by the graduation application deadline for Spring term, and have taken all school-specific steps for degree or certificate completion (dissertation defense scheduling, exam scheduling, etc.) by the graduation application deadline for Spring term
3. You will complete your degree or certificate requirements in Summer 2024 (August or September).
4. You are enrolled in the Medical Laboratory Science, Emergency Medical Services Management, Paramedic Education, Doctor of Physical Therapy, or Doctor of Pharmacy program, will complete your degree requirements by September 30, 2024, and have filed a graduation application (if required) with the partner school by the appropriate deadline.

### **Hooping Participation Policy**

Participation in the Hooping ceremonies is subject to school- and program-specific policies. Please contact your program for information.

### **Diplomas**

Diplomas are mailed to students 6-8 weeks after the end of the term. Students receive diploma covers during the hooping/pinning ceremonies. Only students attending the ceremonies will receive diploma covers. [Elite Frames](#) (360-247-7300) stocks customized OHSU frames for OHSU diplomas. Please bear in mind that only an official transcript can confirm your degree or certificate. Official transcripts will not be released until degree requirements are met and all academic and financial obligations to OHSU are satisfied.

## **Commencement Ceremony Instructions**

**No rehearsal will be held. Graduates are requested to follow the directions of their school faculty marshals before, during, and after the ceremony.**

Robing and line-up for students and faculty begins at noon. Graduating students are asked to not congregate in the lobby area but to move to Exhibit Hall A1 as soon as arriving to the Convention Center.

Early admittance into Exhibit Hall C/D is **not** be permitted. Doors to Exhibit Hall C/D open at 12:15 p.m., and families and guests are allowed in the venue at that time.

**Please leave purses, coats and other valuables with family and friends before you enter the building, as there will be no secured area in which to leave them during the**

**ceremony; anything left in the robing room where students line up will be removed prior to the end of the ceremony.**

Watch for volunteers and signage indicating where your group will assemble for the Commencement and Hooding processions.

Please note that participating in the ceremony processional requires standing, walking and climbing and descending stairs. If you have any special needs please speak with your school coordinator listed on page 6 to make necessary arrangements.

Stroller parking will be available in all halls during the ceremonies.

The Oregon Convention Center has two nursing mothers' pods called Mamava available to students and guests. One is located in Pre-function Lobby A space near A103 and the other is in Pre-function Lobby E near the E Meeting rooms. The code to access these is 8008, or you can use the Mamava app.

The Oregon Convention Center is a non-smoking/vaping public facility. Alcoholic beverages, balloons, hazardous substances, pressurized cans, and explosive devices are strictly forbidden. Schools will be charged for any additional cleaning costs incurred during the ceremony.

The academic cap is worn level at all times. The tassel should hang on the right of the cap at entrance into the Exhibit Hall until President Jacobs has conferred the degrees. At that point, the tassel may be switched to hang from the left side.

It is expected that graduates' behavior throughout the ceremonies will exemplify the professional standards of their calling.

For directions to Oregon Convention Center and parking information go to:

[www.oregoncc.org/DirectionsAndParking/](http://www.oregoncc.org/DirectionsAndParking/)

#### **Visitor Accommodations**

For information on lodging and dining:

Travel Portland, [travelportland.com/](http://travelportland.com/)

Many hotels offer rates for OHSU bookings. Please be sure to inquire when booking your accommodations.

## **School/Department Contacts**

### **School of Dentistry**

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## Commencement/Hooding Ceremony FAQ'S

- **Will there be a masking policy in place at this event?**  
OHSU respects all who choose to wear masks, at any time and in any setting. As we have seen over the last three years, the reasons to wear a mask may be very personal. We expect all OHSU members, patients and visitors to be respectful of this choice and each other. OHSU strongly recommends mask-wearing throughout our health system and in large gatherings.
- **Will there be a livestream of the event?** Yes! We will provide the links when they are available.  
OHSU Convocation- TBA  
School of Dentistry Hooding- TBA
- **Where do I leave my phone, purse, coat, backpack, umbrella, or other valuables?** These items **MUST** be left with family and/or friends before you enter the building and robing/staging area, as there will be no secure area in which to keep them during the ceremony. Anything left in the staging area will be removed prior to the end of the ceremony and OHSU cannot be responsible for the items. Cell phones should be turned off or set to silent/vibrate during the ceremony.
- **Where do we park?** Parking garages are located below [the Convention Center for](#) a fee. There are also [surface lots and street parking](#) as well as many public transportation options.
- **Can family/friends come to the robing/staging area and take pictures?** No. The robing/staging area is for students and participating faculty only.
- **When will the SoD Hooding Ceremony begin?** The Commencement Ceremony begins at 1 p.m. and we anticipate it lasting 1-1.5 hours. Once participants are lined up for Hooding, the Ceremony will *tentatively* begin at 3 p.m.
- **May my baby/child sit with me during the ceremony?** No, we are unable to allow babies and children in the processional. Please make arrangements with family or friends to tend to your baby/child.
- **What about children as guests?** Young or small children may have difficulties with the length of the ceremony. Please do not allow children to play in the aisles. If the child(ren) becomes fussy, please adjourn to the outer lobby so as not to disturb the ceremony.
- **What do I do with my hood?** The hood will be carried into Commencement on your right arm and will remain there for the duration of the ceremony. You will then carry it into the Hooding ceremony and hand it to the faculty member/mentor at the hooding station as you cross the stage.
- **What do I do with my regalia after the ceremony?** The regalia will be yours to keep.
- **What should I expect at the reception?** There will be a hosted reception following the Hooding ceremony for graduates and their families, planned for 4:30 p.m.
- **What about tickets for my family/friends?** No tickets are necessary but we ask that you limit your guest number to 12.



- **When should my family/friends arrive?** The doors to Commencement will open at 12:15 p.m. for immediate seating. Early admittance is not available.
- **Aisles:** Please keep all aisle ways clear at all times. No baby carriers, strollers, children or seating is allowed in these areas for safety reasons. Aisles are used during the ceremony by students, staff, and faculty. If you have guests with special needs, please let the Student Services team know.
- **Can OHSU recommend accommodation for those visiting to attend these events?** The following hotels are located near the convention center.
  - [Hyatt Regency Portland at the Convention Center](#)
    - [Directions from OCC](#)
  - [Embassy Suites Portland Downtown](#)
    - [Directions from OCC](#)
  - [Duniway Boutique Hotel](#)
    - [Directions from OCC](#)

If you have further questions about the OHSU Commencement & SOD Hooding Ceremony, please contact Jenna Wilkinson, [wilkinje@ohsu.edu](mailto:wilkinje@ohsu.edu) or Polina Pozdina, [pozdinap@ohsu.edu](mailto:pozdinap@ohsu.edu).