



The University of Vermont
LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

UVM Larner College of Medicine Ceremony for the Class of 2024

Hooder FAQ

What is a hooder?

A hooder is the person or persons who place the doctoral hood over the graduate's head at the graduation ceremony.

What is a hood?

A hood is a looped piece of fabric (or cowl) with colored trim and panels that signify the degree earned and the institution from which the degree has been earned.

The hood is one of three pieces that make up a full set of academic regalia for graduating medical students at the UVM Larner College of Medicine. Full regalia also includes a robe and tam (ceremonial hat).

How and when is a medical student hooded?

At the UVM Larner College of Medicine, graduating medical students are hooded as part of the graduation ceremony.

As each graduate's name is called, they ascend the stage stairs with their hood draped over their left arm and take a seat on the "hooding stool." This year, Dean Christa Zehle and Associate Dean Karen George will place the hood over the graduate's head. Once the graduate has been hooded, they will then receive their diploma and exit the stage.

Who can be a hooder?

Dean Zehle and Associate Dean George will be the hooders at the Larner College of Medicine Ceremony*. However, students can choose to invite a guest hooder to assist Dean Zehle if they so choose. Students may only invite a guest hooder who falls within one of these categories:

- Faculty at the UVM Larner College of Medicine (including Emeriti Faculty)
- Alumni of the UVM Larner College of Medicine
- Faculty at UVM who hold a Ph.D. or terminal degree in their field (including Emeriti Faculty)
- Ph.D. alumni of UVM (in any field)

*Dr. Ellen Kulaga and Dr. Jon Rosen typically attend the ceremony and may be asked to serve as guest hooders if desired. They will not automatically serve as guest hooders for graduates from the Connecticut branch campus.

How do I ask someone to be my guest hooder?

If you decide you would like a guest hooder, it is most appropriate to ask them in person or via a phone call.

When you invite someone to be your guest hooder, you should let them know that they will have to attend the Commencement Ceremony on May 19, 2024 and must be at the Ira Allen Chapel no later than 2:15 pm EST.

Your guest hooder must also wear regalia to participate in the ceremony. If they do not have regalia, they can order or rent from the UVM Book Store. Information on purchasing or renting regalia can be found below.

How many guest hooders can I have?

Graduates may have one guest hooder.

Who do I tell if I want a guest hooder?

If you decide you would like to have a guest hooder, you must email Liz Dohrman at elizabeth.dohrman@med.uvm.edu no later than Friday, April 19 with their name, degree, title, and contact information.

I'm a guest hooder and need regalia. What should I do?

All hooders must have full regalia to participate in the ceremony. Full regalia includes a robe, tam* or mortarboard, and hood.

Current or Emeriti Faculty at the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine

Hooders who are current or emeriti faculty at the UVM Larner College of Medicine may receive rental regalia at no cost. To rent regalia, you must contact Liz Dohrman at elizabeth.dohrman@med.uvm.edu or 802-656-3401 by 12pm on Friday, April 26, 2024. She will need your height, weight, highest degree, and the name of the degree-granting institution. **Regalia requests for Faculty of the College of Medicine that are**

submitted after April 26 will incur a rush charge. The rush charge will not be covered by the College of Medicine and will be the responsibility of the faculty member.

Other Current or Emeriti Faculty at the University of Vermont

Hooders who are current or emeriti faculty at the University of Vermont (other than LCOM) can rent regalia from the UVM Bookstore for \$75 (gown, hood, mortarboard/tassel) or \$110 (gown, hood, and tam/tassel*). To rent regalia, please contact Brendan Andrews at bandrews@uvm.edu.

All faculty have the option to purchase inexpensive GreenWeaver custom regalia by contacting Brendan Andrews at bandrews@uvm.edu.

*Faculty typically wear tams and not mortarboards.

Other UVM Faculty rentals and Greenweaver regalia orders must be placed no later than 12pm on April 26, 2024. Orders placed after April 26 will incur a rush charge.

Alumni of the UVM Larner College of Medicine who are not faculty

Hooders who are not faculty but who are alumni of the UVM Larner College of Medicine (or, previously, the UVM College of Medicine) can rent regalia or purchase regalia through the UVM Bookstore.

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