

Commencement Day

Oregon Health & Science University
Friday, June 6, 2025

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Introduction

OHSU's Commencement for 2025 will be held at the **Oregon Convention Center**, in Portland on **Friday, June 6th**, 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** posted on the [Commencement](#) webpage.

We look forward to your participation in both Commencement and your school hooding ceremony. If you have questions about either ceremony, see page 6 for your school/department contacts.

Commencement Checklist

- ___ Apply to graduate in Student Self-Service by **Friday, April 25**:
<https://www.ohsu.edu/education/student-self-service>
- ___ Order your cap, gown and hood (See Regalia Guide for Graduates 2025)
- ___ Order graduation announcements (See Regalia Guide for Graduates 2025)
- ___ Pick up your cap, gown and hood (See Regalia Guide for Graduates 2025)

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 2025 Hooding & Pinning ceremonies below.

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

Hooding Ceremonies

Event	Location
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY	
Student & faculty line-up	B rooms 117-119
Hooding Ceremony	Exhibit Hall B
Reception	Prefunction A lobby space
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, GRADUATE STUDIES	
Student & faculty line up	E rooms 141-144
Hooding Ceremony	Exhibit Hall E
Reception	Portland Ball room, 255 & 256 and lobby space
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, MD program	
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
SCHOOL OF NURSING	
Student & faculty line-up	Oregon Ballroom, room 201
Hooding & Pinning Ceremony	Oregon Ballroom, rooms 202 - 204
Reception	Oregon Ballroom lobby
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
Student & faculty line-up	A rooms 107 - 109
Hooding Ceremony	Exhibit Hall A
Reception	Holladay Lobby
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
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 13, 2025. 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 26th St.
Corvallis, OR 97331

Commencement Participation Policy

You are welcome and invited to participate in the 2025 Commencement if you meet one of the following conditions:

1. Your degree or certificate was awarded in Summer 2024 (August or September), Fall 2024 (December), or Winter 2025 (March).
2. You will complete your degree or certificate requirements in Spring 2025 (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 2025 (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, 2025, and have filed a graduation application (if required) with the partner school by the appropriate deadline.

Hooding Participation Policy

Participation in the Hooding 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 hooding/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 immediately 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 Interim President Stadum 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/

Visitor Accommodations

For information on lodging and dining:

Travel Portland, travelportland.com/

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

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