



University of Vermont

Larner College of Medicine

Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2025

Hooding FAQ's

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 hood graduates at the Larner College of Medicine Graduation Ceremony*. 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. Jon Rosen typically attends the ceremony and may be asked to serve as a guest hoodler if desired. Dr. Rosen will not automatically serve as guest hoodler for graduates from the Connecticut branch campus.

How do I ask someone to be my guest hoodler?

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

When you invite someone to be your guest hoodler, you should let them know that they will have to attend the Commencement Ceremony on May 18, 2025, and must be at the Ira Allen Chapel by 2:15 pm EST.

Your guest hoodler 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 hoodler.

Who do I tell if I want a guest hoodler?

If you decide you would like to have a guest hoodler, you must email Liz Dohrman at elizabeth.dohrman@med.uvm.edu **no later than Friday, April 18** with their name, degree, title, and contact information.

I am a guest hoodler 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. Review the categories below to learn more about securing regalia.

- **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 25, 2025 with 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 25 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. Faculty members are responsible for picking up and returning their rental regalia.**

- **Current or Emeriti Faculty at another College at the University of Vermont**

Hooders who are current or emeriti faculty at the University of Vermont (other than the Larner College of Medicine) 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. Faculty members are responsible for picking up and returning their rental regalia.

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

*Faculty typically wear tams and not mortarboards.

UVM Faculty rentals and regalia orders must be placed no later than 12pm on April 25, 2025. Orders placed after April 25 will incur a rush charge.

- **Alumni of the UVM Larner College of Medicine (and not a faculty member)**

Hooders who are alumni of the UVM Larner College of Medicine (or, previously, the UVM College of Medicine) can rent or purchase regalia from the UVM Bookstore for \$110 (gown, hood, and tam/tassel).

To rent or purchase regalia, you must contact Brendan Andrews at bandrews@uvm.edu **no later than 12pm on April 25, 2025. Orders submitted after April 25 will incur a rush charge.** Please provide Brendan with your height weight, highest degree, name of the degree-granting institution, and payment information. Alumni are responsible for picking up and returning their own regalia.

- **Ph.D. Alumni of UVM (not a faculty member)**

Hooders who have received a Ph.D. from UVM (not the College of Medicine) may rent or purchase regalia from the UVM Bookstore for \$110 (gown, hood, and tam/tassel).

To rent or purchase regalia, you must contact Brendan Andrews at bandrews@uvm.edu **no later than 12pm on April 25, 2025. Orders submitted after April 25 will incur a rush charge.** Please provide Brendan with your height weight, highest degree, name of the degree-granting institution, and payment information. Alumni are responsible for picking up and returning their own regalia.