

Hooding Ceremony FAQs

College of Education: December 2021



Q: What is a Hooding Ceremony?

A: The Doctor of Education, Master of Arts, Master of Science and Specialist Hooding Ceremony is a special recognition ceremony for Ed.D., MAT, MS, and SPEC degree candidates during which a faculty member places the hood over the head of the graduate, signifying his or her success in completing the graduate program. **RSVPs are required and Academic apparel is required for this ceremony.** *The Hooding Ceremony is in addition to and does not replace the Commencement at the Taylor Center.*

Q: Who participates in the Hooding Ceremony?

A: The hooding ceremony will honor graduate students in **Counselling & Student Personnel, Educational Leadership, Elementary & Literacy Education, K-12 & Secondary Programs and Special Education** who are receiving the **Ed.D., MAT, MS or SPEC.**

Q: How do I participate in The College of Education Hooding Ceremony?

A: Students must RSVP online by [clicking here](#).

Q: Are all guests, students, graduates, faculty, and staff required to wear masks while attending events on campus?

A: **Yes, all guests, students, graduates, faculty, and staff are required to wear a face covering over both the nose and mouth when entering a campus building, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status.** This action is being employed under MDH and Minnesota State system guidance and in care for the wellbeing of our campus community. Masks must be worn when entering the building and worn throughout the entire Hooding ceremony. Further details available here: <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/coronavirus/>

Q: Who is invited to attend?

A: This ceremony is tailored as a special honor for doctorate, master's and specialist recipients, who may invite their friends and family.

Q: Who performs the hooding?

A: Faculty members from the student's respected department will be in attendance to hood the graduate.

Q: Where is the ceremony?

A: The December Hooding Ceremony is held in the Halling Recital Hall in the Performing Arts building (PA-250) within the Performing Arts building on the campus of Minnesota State University-Mankato.

University Aerial map <http://www.mnsu.edu/maps/university/aerial.pdf>

Performing Arts building map <http://www.mnsu.edu/maps/university/buildings/pa-2.pdf>

Q: When is the ceremony?

A: This year's ceremony will be held **Saturday, December 11, 2021**

Ceremony begins at 9am.

Q: Are tickets required?

A: No, tickets are not required for guests or graduates.

Q: May children attend the ceremony?

A: Yes, children are welcome to attend the ceremony. Please bear in mind that the ceremony is one hour long (depending on the number of degree recipients).

B: Children are not permitted to join the processional, recessional, or a parent on stage when they receive a hood. We acknowledge the concessions made by family members in the years preceding this day, but we must consider the experience of all degree candidates and restrict children to the guest seating section.

Q: How do I order regalia?

A: Please see the <https://www.mnsu.edu/graduation/prepare/apparel.html>

Q: Where can I pick up my regalia?

A: If you elected to pick-up your apparel on your Commencement registration form, you may pick-up your apparel from the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Minnesota State. Pick-up dates and times from Barnes and Noble.

Q: Where will my guests and I be able to park on the day of the ceremony?

A: Parking regulations for Minnesota State University-Mankato parking lots are waived for Commencement Day.

Students and guests may park in any non-restricted parking lot on campus. **We suggest lot 16 right outside the Performing Arts building.** <http://www.mnsu.edu/maps/university/parking.pdf> Visitors with handicapped license plates or placards from a government agency may park in designated handicapped spaces or at parking meters.

Q: When should student and faculty participants arrive at the ceremony?

A: Students and faculty who are participating in the hooding ceremony should plan to **arrive by 8:30 a.m.** **Students should proceed to the basement of the Performing Arts building and find the table marked "Student Check-In"**

Q: When may my guests arrive for the hooding ceremony?

A: Guest seating will begin after 8:30 a.m. We expect a full house for the hooding ceremony; therefore, we ask that your guests not save any empty seats in their row.

Please keep the aisle ways open for the processional and recessional.

Q: Will photographs be available?

A: Official pictures will not be taken by the college for the Hooding event, please feel free to have your family members take photos.

We ask that all friends and family remain seated and not block the aisles while students are being hooded. This not only blocks the view of other guests, but is a fire hazard. There will be an opportunity for photos following the ceremony.

Q: Where is the reception and who may attend?

A: Out of safety for our guests, graduates, and staff/faculty, refreshments and breakfast will not be served this December to ensure individuals are able to maintain wearing masks.

Q: What are some COVID-19 safety protocols that are in place for this event?

A: Masks are required for all individuals, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status. If needed, general-use masks will be made available for guests who need them at the entrance of the theatre. Hand sanitizer will also be available.