

# Hooding Ceremony FAQs.



College of Education: December 2022

## Q: What is a Hooding Ceremony?

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. **The ceremony is similar to a graduation in that faculty and students are dressed in academic attire.** *The Hooding Ceremony is in addition to and does not replace the Commencement at the Taylor Center.*

Learn more about the COE Hooding ceremony at our website: [ed.mnsu.edu/hooding](http://ed.mnsu.edu/hooding)

## Q: Who participates in the Hooding Ceremony?

The hooding ceremony will honor graduate students in Counseling & Student Personnel, Educational Leadership, Elementary & Literacy Education, K-12 & Secondary Programs and Special Education who are receiving the Ed.D., MAT, MS or SPEC degree from fall 2022 term.

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

Students must RSVP online. [RVSP HERE](#)

## Q: Who is invited to attend?

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?

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

## Q: Where is the ceremony?

The December Hooding Ceremony is held in the Halling Recital Hall in the Performing Arts building on the campus of Minnesota State University, Mankato.

[Click here to view the University parking maps.](#) Hooding attendees should park close to the Performing Arts building, closest to **Parking Lot 16**. Note: Parking is 'free' on commencement day. Unless otherwise noted, guests may park in gold or other permit parking free of charge on commencement day.

## Q: When is the ceremony?

This year's ceremony will be held **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Ceremony begins at 9am.

### Q: Are tickets required?

No, tickets are not required for guests or graduates. **RSVP's are required.** [RSVP HERE](#)

### Q: May children attend the ceremony?

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).

Children are not permitted to join the processional, recessional or a parent on stage when s/he receives 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?

Academic apparel/regalia is required. Graduates should work with the university campus bookstore to purchase their attire. [Click here to view and order apparel/regalia.](#) University bookstore staff can assist with ordering and questions on robe, hood, attire, etc.

### Q: Where will my guests and I be able to park during the Hooding ceremony?

Parking regulations for Minnesota State University, Mankato parking lots are waived on Hooding/Commencement day.

Students and guests may park in any non-restricted parking lot on campus. For Hooding, **We suggest lot 16 right outside the Performing Arts building.** [Click here to view the University parking maps.](#) 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/graduate and faculty participants arrive at the ceremony?

Students and faculty who are participating in the hooding ceremony should plan to **arrive by 8:20 - 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 guests arrive for the hooding ceremony?

*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?

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 and during the reception.

**Q: Where is the reception and who may attend?**

There will be a reception in the lobby area outside the Halling Recital Hall following the ceremony. All students, guests and faculty are invited. Light refreshments and breakfast bread will be served.