

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE GRADUATION CEREMONY

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

The University of New England is Maine's largest private university, featuring two distinctive campuses in Maine, a vibrant campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of innovative offerings online. Our hands-on, experiential approach empowers students to join the next generation of leaders in their chosen fields. We are home to Maine's only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized degree paths in the marine sciences, the natural and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts.

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COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

The University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine was founded in 1978 on a beautiful coastal campus in southern Maine. It is the only osteopathic medical school in New England. The college currently enrolls approximately 700 medical students, about half of whom come from the six-state New England region and the rest from other U.S. states and a number of foreign countries. To date, the college has graduated more than 3,500 osteopathic physicians.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine emphasizes the education of primary care physicians. More than 60% of its graduates go on to practice in the primary care specialties. The college has a 2+2 curriculum: two years of didactic training, followed by two years of clinical clerkships. The College of Osteopathic Medicine is committed to meeting the challenge of training physicians for the 21st century.

The medical school is housed in the 80,000-square-foot Harold Alfond Center for Health Sciences, a modern science education facility and a major medical and health sciences resource for the region. The Pickus Center for Biomedical Research, with its Cécile Morgane Research Laboratories, offers students and faculty exceptional facilities for conducting research. Leonard Hall is an educational facility offering the latest in state-of-the-art educational technology that allows for case-based learning and other innovative educational learning experiences.

The University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association.

THE POMP BEHIND THE CIRCUMSTANCE

Academic Regalia

THE GOWN

The history of the academic gown goes back to the 12th century. During this period, everyone — both men and women, royalty, lay folk, clerics, tradesmen, students — wore long flowing robes. The apparel varied in elegance according to the rank and wealth of the owner, from simple rough worsteds to rich gold brocades wrought with tassels and trimmed with colorful velvet and rich furs. It was in this period that the first organized bodies of learning were formed. From the gowns worn in the "universities" of the period have evolved the academic costumes of today.

The bachelor's gown is a simple design falling straight from a rather elaborate yoke with long pointed sleeves. The gown worn by a master has long, closed, somewhat fuller sleeves, which reach nearly to the wearer's knees. The arms go through slits at the elbow, giving the appearance of short sleeves. The doctoral gown is cut much fuller and has large bell-shaped sleeves. The gowns are usually, but not always, black, and those of bachelors and masters are generally devoid of ornamentation. The doctoral gowns are distinguished by the five-inch velvet panel around the neck and down both sides of the front as well as by three-inch velvet bars sewn on each sleeve. The color of the velvet trim may be black or may indicate the nature of the degree. For example, the color designating a Doctor of Medicine is green.

THE HOOD

The hood seems to have had a somewhat practical origin. Medieval monks used their hood for two purposes: to protect their shaved heads in the winter and as a container in which to collect alms.

Today the hood serves as the most symbolic part of the academic regalia by which the observer can ascertain the wearer's level and kind of degree. The bachelor's hood is the smallest, being three feet long. The velvet trim along the edges, indicating the nature of the degree, is two inches wide. The master's hood is six inches longer and bears a three-inch velvet trim.

The doctoral hood presented today is a full four feet long and exhibits a five-inch, green velvet trim indicating the medical degree.

The colorful interior of the hood, visible from behind, indicates by hue the degree-granting institution. The University of New England's colors are blue and grey.

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ORDER OF CEREMONIES

CEREMONIAL PRELUDE

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Congratulatory messages from faculty and professional staff



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT, DOCTOR OF SCIENCE
NIRAV D. SHAH, M.D., J.D.
Director, Maine CDC

In June 2019, Nirav Shah, M.D., J.D., was appointed as the director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC). Dr. Shah comes to Maine CDC with broad experience in public health, most recently as director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, where he implemented key initiatives to address the state's opioid crisis, reduce maternal and infant mortality, and reduce childhood lead poisoning.

As an attorney and public health economist, Shah previously advised professionals and governments around the nation and globe on improving the delivery of health care. Earlier in his career, he worked for the Ministry of Health in Cambodia, where his work included investigating and managing disease outbreaks as an epidemiologist. He is the current president of the national Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) and a liaison to the United States Centers for Disease Control Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Shah received both medical and law degrees from the University of Chicago. He also studied economics at Oxford University.



PIONEER OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE MEDAL RECIPIENT KAREN J. NICHOLS, D.O.

Karen J. Nichols, D.O., M.A., MACOI, CS, served as dean of the Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2002 to 2018. Previously, she had served as assistant dean and chair of post-doctoral education for the Department of Internal Medicine at the MWU/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Nichols has received the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Distinguished Service Award as well as the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine's Robert A. Kistner Leadership Award and Dale Dodson Award.

She received a Presidential Citation in 2018 and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) in 2014.

Nichols has served as president of the AOA, president of the AOMA, and president of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and was the first woman to hold all of those positions.

A graduate of the Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Nichols teaches nationally and internationally on the topics of end-of-life care, physician leadership, and women leaders in medicine.

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