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# 2023

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OF NEW ENGLAND

WESTBROOK COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
GRADUATE GRADUATION CEREMONY



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CLASS OF 2023  
GRADUATE GRADUATION CEREMONY

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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

The University of New England is Maine's largest private university, with two beautiful coastal campuses in Maine, a one-of-a-kind study-abroad campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of flexible online offerings. In an uncommonly welcoming and supportive community, we offer hands-on learning, empowering students to make a positive impact in a world full of challenges. We are the state's top provider of health professionals and 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. Visit [www.une.edu](http://www.une.edu)

## WESTBROOK COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

The Westbrook College of Health Professions prepares graduates to practice, lead, and excel in today's complex health care environment. The college is composed of undergraduate and graduate programming, with faculty dedicated to relationship-focused, student-centered learning. The college has state-of-the-art educational facilities and has pioneered the model of interprofessional education.

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# 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.

### 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 is a full four feet long and exhibits a five-inch velvet trim, indicating the nature of the degree.

Look for the following hood trim colors: sage green (Master of Science in Athletic Training), navy blue (Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia ), gold (Master of Occupational Therapy), yellow (Master of Science Physician Assistant), citron (Master of Social Work), olive green (Doctor of Pharmacy), and teal (Doctor of Physical Therapy).

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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### THE CORDS AND STOLES

The cord in graduation ceremonies is used to signify a special designation or membership in an honor society. The origin of the cord is from the Catholic and Anglican churches, where cords were used to distinguish between the varying levels of clergy members.

### Military Service Honors

The University is proud to recognize students serving or who have served in the various military branches of the United States of America. Graduating students currently serving in the U.S. military and veterans will be recognized by red, white, and blue cords.

## AWARDS

### FACULTY CUP

The Faculty Cup recognizes and honors academic and community involvement and leadership of graduate students.

### DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

The departmental awards honor outstanding academic achievement.

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# ORDER OF CEREMONIES

## PROCESSIONAL

Graduate and Professional Class of 2023, Platform Party

## WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Jennifer Morton, D.N.P., M.P.H., PHNA-BC, *Dean, Westbrook College of Health Professions*  
James D. Herbert, Ph.D., *President, University of New England*

## FACULTY CUP AWARD PRESENTATION

Bernice Mills, M.S., *Associate Dean of Student and Clinical Affairs, Westbrook College of Health Professions*

## DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD PRESENTATION

Sally McCormack Tutt, Ed.D., *Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Westbrook College of Health Professions*

## OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

**Athletic Training:** Christopher Rizzo, D.A.T., *Clinical Professor*

**Nurse Anesthesia:** Cheryl L. Nimmo, D.N.P., *Program Director*

**Occupational Therapy:** Kristin Winston, Ph.D., *Program Director*

**Physician Assistant:** Dana Villmore, Ph.D., *Interim Program Director*

**Social Work:** Jennifer O'Neil, Ph.D., *Program Director*

**School of Pharmacy:** Emily Dornblaser, Pharm.D., *Interim Dean*

**Physical Therapy:** Jennifer G. Audette, Ph.D., *Program Director*

## PRESENTATION OF HOODS

Departmental Faculty

## CLOSING REMARKS

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## RECESSIONAL

CANDIDATES FOR HOODING

Master of Science

Athletic Training

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Michaela Davis

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