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WESTBROOK COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BACCALAUREATE GRADUATION CEREMONY



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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.

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 hoods 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.

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.

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.

Academic Honors

Students graduating with academic honors will be recognized for their academic excellence by cords of different colors draped around their necks: summa cum laude (gold), magna cum laude (blue), cum laude (silver).

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

MAROON AWARD

The Maroon Award for the Portland Campus and the Biddeford Campus recognizes undergraduate students who have served as role models for other students by demonstrating high academic standards, superior leadership qualities, collaborative working relationships, and service to improve the quality of life for others.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

The departmental awards honor outstanding academic achievement.

ORDER OF CEREMONIES

PROCESSIONAL

Undergraduate Class of 2025 and Platform Party

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

John Vitale, Ph.D., M.H.S., PA(ASCP), *Dean, Westbrook College of Health Professions*
James D. Herbert, Ph.D., *President, University of New England*

MAROON AWARD PRESENTATION

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

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD PRESENTATION

Elizabeth Crampsey, Ed.D., *Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Westbrook College of Health Professions*

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Dental Hygiene: Dianne Smallidge, Ed.D., *Program Director*

Applied Exercise Science: Heath Pierce, M.Ed., *Program Director*

Health Sciences: Christopher Rizzo, DAT, *Clinical Professor*
Heath Pierce, M.Ed., *Assistant Dean, Westbrook College of Health Professions*

Health, Wellness, and Occupational Studies: Caryn Husman, M.S., *Program Director*

Nutrition: Emily Estell, M.P.H, *Assistant Clinical Professor*

Public Health: Bethany Fortier, M.P.H., *Associate Clinical Professor*

Social Work: Cyndi Amato, M.S.W., *Program Director*

Nursing: Donna Hyde, M.S.N.Ed., *Program Director*

Pharmacy Science: John Vitale, Ph.D., M.H.S., PA(ASCP), *Dean, Westbrook College of Health Professions*

PRESENTATION OF PINS

Departmental Faculty

CLOSING REMARKS

John Vitale, Ph.D., M.H.S., PA(ASCP), *Dean, Westbrook College of Health Professions*

RECESSIONAL

CANDIDATES FOR PINNING

DEPARTMENT OF DENTAL HYGIENE

Bachelor of Science

Dental Hygiene

Maia Suzanne Anderson

Lily Ann Benner

Caitlynn Rosaria Burke

Paige M. Carpenter

Angela Maria Cutone

Rebecca Rose Dauteuil

Alexis Sadi Delisle

Macie Ann Fletcher

Carrie Grace

Kayla Ann Gramstorff

Izabella Whitney Haagenson

Anastasia Robyn Halliday

Stephanie Anastasia Hathaway

Hannah Seely Hoffses

Isabella Sofia Kalinyak

Riley Jane Keeler

Alissa Morgan Lawson

Susanna Li

Sarah Michelle Madore

Morgan Martineau

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DEPARTMENT OF EXERCISE AND SPORT PERFORMANCE

Bachelor of Science

Applied Exercise Science

Ashjan Mohammed Abdulsalam

Raquel Caylee Ade

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DEPARTMENT OF EXERCISE
AND SPORT PERFORMANCE

Bachelor of Science

Health Sciences

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Sean Tuttle
Haley Jean Vaccarello

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PROMOTION STUDIES

Bachelor of Science

Health Sciences

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Kaylee Damboise
Matthew Patrick Donnelly
Matthew Robert German
Jack T. Pyzynski
Abigail Olivia Rowell
Joey Stanizzi
Krista M. Whitbread

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PROMOTION STUDIES

Bachelor of Science

*Health, Wellness,
and Occupational Studies*

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Luke John Boardman
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Evan Grant Hazard
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Olivia Marie Montes
Bethany Nicole Muzzulin
Madison Riley Scammell

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PROMOTION STUDIES

Bachelor of Science

Nutrition

Jehan Abdulsalam
Kelly Chisholm
Annabelle Erika Gascoyne

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PROMOTION STUDIES

Bachelor of Science

Public Health

Hannah Marissa Amyot
Arianna Kailee Dawson
Logan Grace Lada
Erin Marie Mazurkiewicz
Nicole L. Pepin
Olivia Anne Phillips

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PROMOTION STUDIES

Bachelor of Social Work

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Trenton Reginald Jackson
Marilyn Mubang
Hailey Louann Pratt

School of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Bachelor of Science

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