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UNIVERSITY  
OF NEW ENGLAND

WESTBROOK COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
GRADUATE GRADUATION CEREMONY



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CLASS OF 2026  
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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

The University of New England is Maine's largest independent 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 programs 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 hoods for two purposes: to protect their shaved heads in the winter and as a container 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. At three feet long, the bachelor's hood is the smallest. 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 for the Master of Science in Athletic Training, slate blue for the Master of Occupational Therapy, yellow for the Master of Science Physician Assistant, apricot for the Doctor of Nursing Practice, olive green for the Doctor of Pharmacy, and teal for the 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 gray.

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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 2026 and Platform Party

### WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

John E. Vitale, M.H.S., Ph.D., PA(ASCP), *Dean of the Westbrook College of Health Professions, Dean of the School of Pharmacy, and Associate Provost for Interprofessional Education*

Gwendolyn Mahon, M.Sc., Ph.D., *Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of New England*

### FACULTY CUP AWARD PRESENTATION

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

### INTRODUCTION OF HONORED GUEST

### DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD PRESENTATION

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

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

**Athletic Training:** Wayne Lamarre, M.Ed., *Program Director*

**Occupational Therapy:** Jessica Walton, M.S., *Associate Clinical Professor*

**Physician Assistant:** Robert Hawkes, M.S., *Program Director*

**Nurse Anesthesia:** Kerianne Flavin, D.N.P., *Program Director*

**Pharmacy:** Conrad Dhing, Ph.D., *Senior Associate Dean, School of Pharmacy*

**Physical Therapy:** Sally McCormack Tutt, Ed.D., *Program Director*

### PRESENTATION OF HOODS

Departmental Faculty

### CLOSING REMARKS

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### RECESSIONAL

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## CANDIDATES FOR HOODING

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

Zach George Boulay  
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Trey Marshall Peterson  
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Courtney Jean Sobolewski  
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