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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 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: 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.

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.

Interprofessional Honors Distinction

An orange and blue cord is awarded to students who have demonstrated interest and competency in principles of collaborative practice on health care teams.

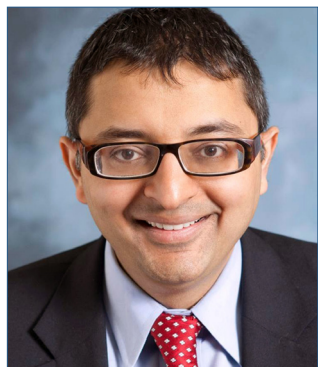
AWARDS

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.



**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.

ORDER OF CEREMONIES

CEREMONIAL PRELUDE

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Claddagh Mhor Pipe Band

WELCOME

James D. Herbert, Ph.D., *President, University of New England*

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Raica Mirza, *Medical Biology '21*

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

James D. Herbert, Ph.D., *President, University of New England*

HONORARY DEGREE PRESENTATION

Nirav Shah, M.D., J.D., *Honorary Doctor of Science*

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Nirav Shah, M.D., J.D., *Honorary Doctor of Science*
Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Sally McCormack Tutt, Ed.D., *Interim Dean, Westbrook College of Health Professions*

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Sally McCormack Tutt, Ed.D., *Interim Dean, Westbrook College of Health Professions*

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Congratulatory messages from faculty and professional staff

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