



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Class of 2018
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(Except Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology)
Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing

FROM: NSU Commencement Team

RE: HPD August Commencement Information

The NSU Health Professions Division August Commencement ceremony will take place on Friday, August 17, 2018, 2:30 p.m., in the Rick Case Arena at the Don Taft University Center (UC) on the main campus.

IMPORTANT: The process to reserve your places at commencement and the awards dinner, order regalia, and request family hooding begins in June 2018, with the receipt of an invitation via your NSU email. *Please do not RSVP for any commencement-related activities until that time.* Current information on the website is for candidates of the HPD May ceremony only. Any information submitted prior to receiving an invitation will be deleted in the changeover from the May to the August ceremonies.

Any questions concerning commencement can be addressed to commencement@nova.edu.

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION WEBSITE

For complete information on this year's ceremony and important updates, visit the [NSU Commencement website](#), view the online [frequently asked questions](#), or print a copy of the [commencement handbook](#). A special web page for HPD candidates has been created for you at www.nova.edu/commencement/candidates/hpd.html.

HPD GRADUATION FEES

Make sure you have paid your graduation and library fees, have taken care of your academic and financial aid responsibilities, and returned all library books. These all must be taken care of prior to the receipt of your diploma and final transcripts.

DEGREE/DIPLOMA APPLICATION

Do not confuse commencement with your graduation. The online degree/diploma application for graduation is a separate process from your commencement RSVP and online regalia order form.

Your degree/diploma application is completed online and should be submitted by the time you reach your final academic semester. Please check the [Registrar's website](#) for detailed instructions on how to complete your degree application.

COMMENCEMENT NOTIFICATION

In June, all eligible candidates will receive an email notification via their NSU account to submit the Commencement Participation Form (CPF) and order regalia (cap, gown, and hood). Completing a CPF reserves your space at the commencement ceremony. Similar to the degree/diploma application, your NSU email username and password are needed to gain access.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Your commencement exercise will take place on Friday, August 17, 2018, in the Rick Case Arena at the Don Taft University Center (UC). The program is set to begin at 2:30 p.m. sharp and end at approximately 4:30 p.m. As stated in your student handbook, ceremony attendance is mandatory for all candidates enrolled in full-time, on-campus programs but optional for students enrolled in an online program, or one that does not require attendance at graduation. **Candidates are asked to report to the UC Rec Plex at 1:30 p.m. to begin lining up for the processional.** All guests will also be allowed to enter the Rick Case Arena seating area at that time.

Guest seating for commencement will be first-come, first-seated and neither you nor your guests will need a ticket to be allowed into the arena.

DOCTORAL HOODING

Hooding is a tradition practiced by HPD where a new graduate receiving a doctoral degree is welcomed into the profession by another member of the profession, usually the Dean or a faculty member. There are two exceptions: 1) If you have an immediate family member who is a graduate of a program that has a **doctoral degree in the same academic field that you are about to receive** (e.g., you are receiving your Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree and your family member is a graduated Doctor of Occupational Therapy), or 2) If you have an immediate family member who is on the faculty at Nova Southeastern University's Health Professions Division.

Please Note: An immediate family member is defined as a spouse, mother, father, aunt, uncle, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister, brother, grandparent, son, or daughter. If you wish to be hooded by an immediate family member, information can be found in your commencement invitation.

SENIOR AWARDS DINNER & DANCE

The Senior Awards Dinner & Dance is scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2018 at the Signature Grand in Davie, Florida. The evening affair features a wine and cheese reception and sit-down dinner followed by music and dancing. Business attire is suggested and the bringing of children is strongly discouraged. You must reserve your space online in order to attend. The university subsidizes two free places for each candidate (tickets are non-transferrable) and additional guests are welcome at \$85.00 per person. **Reservations open in June.** Seats will not be reserved without being ordered with the online form.

COMMENCEMENT LIVE STREAMING

The HPD August Commencement ceremony will be video streamed in real time as a free service provided by the university, for families and friends of candidates who are unable to attend the ceremony in person. Visit the official [NSU Commencement website](#) and click on the "Commencement Ceremony Live" icon.