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NSU Commencement 2016

About Commencement

Commencement is a recognition and celebration of academic achievement and the lasting contributions that students have made to the university.

Although often used interchangeably, the words ***Commencement*** and ***Graduation*** are not the same. It is important to understand that participating in a commencement ceremony does not mean that you have completed your degree and actually graduated.

Commencement is a formal ceremony for students who have been cleared to walk by their college or program.

2016 HPD Commencement Dates

Friday, May 20, 2016

Don Taft University Center, Davie, Fla.

10:00 a.m. – College of Dental Medicine
College of Medical Sciences
College of Osteopathic Medicine

4:00 p.m. - College of Optometry
College of Pharmacy
Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology
Departments from College of Health Care Sciences

Friday, August 19, 2016 / 2:00 p.m.

Don Taft University Center, Davie, Fla.

Graduate candidates from the College of Health Care Sciences
(except Physical Therapy) and College of Nursing

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Do not confuse the degree/diploma application with commencement and your regalia purchase. These are two separate processes.

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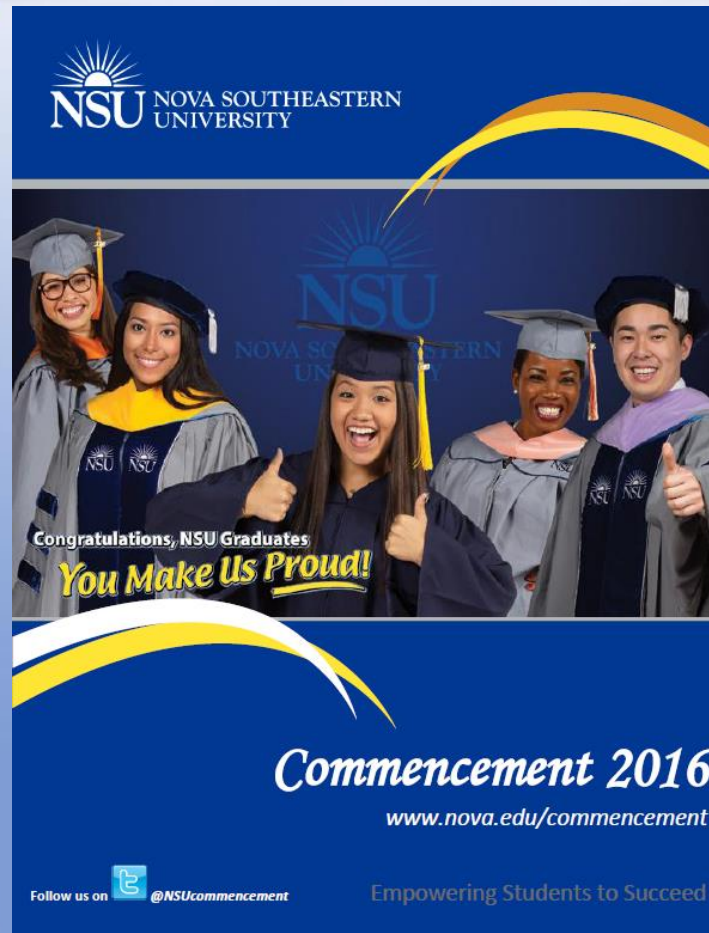
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Have additional questions? Contact the [NSU Registrar's Office](#) at (954) 262-7255 or (800) 541-6682 ext. 27255. Please provide your NSU ID number in all email correspondence.

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Dates and times now set for 2016 commencement ceremonies at the on-campus Don Taft UC. Find out when you walk at bit.ly/1NIIACz.

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Degree/Diploma Application

Your Degree Application is completed online

It should be completed and submitted with the appropriate fee no later than the last semester in which your program will be completed. Check with your program office for any deadlines associated with submitting your Degree Application

The application can also be completed early and kept on file in order to expedite the process once your program requirements have been met

An Application for Degree/Diploma should be submitted after reading the important instructions at

www.nova.edu/registrar/instructions_hpd.html

Degree/Diploma Application

HPD Graduation Fee Schedule:

- Graduates enrolled in full-time on-campus programs - \$275.00
- Graduates enrolled in an online program, or a program that does not require attendance at graduation (*see student handbook*), who attend either commencement or the senior awards dinner dance - \$275.00 (\$100.00 for the degree application fee and an additional non-refundable \$175.00 will be assessed once you apply to participate in commencement activities)
- Graduates enrolled in an online program, or a program that does not require attendance at graduation (*see student handbook*), and who do not participate in either commencement or the senior awards dinner dance - \$100.00
- Graduates enrolled in post-graduate dental programs including Endodontics, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Oral Surgery, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, and Advanced Education for Dental Graduates - \$150.00

Degree/Diploma Application

Students in the following programs are automatically charged the graduation fee with their last didactic course. Students in these programs should log into SharkLink to confirm that the charge has been satisfied (paid) through financial aid or another form of payment. If not, payment should be made during the last semester of coursework. Regardless, you still **must** complete an online degree application.

Dr. of Physical Therapy (Entry Level)
Part Time Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant (Fort Lauderdale)
Physician Assistant (Fort Myers)
Physician Assistant (Orlando)
Physician Assistant (Jacksonville)
Master of Occupational Therapy
Dr. of Nursing Practice
MSN Advanced Practice Nursing

Dr. of Health Science
MHS (Vascular Sonography)
MHS (Cardiovascular Sonography)
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Dr. of Dental Medicine
Master of Biomedical Science
Dr. of Osteopathic Medicine
Anesthesiologist Assistant
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Your Commencement Notification

Approximately two months prior to commencement, all eligible candidates will be mailed a postcard and email notification via their NSU account



Your Commencement E-Notification

ⓘ If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.

From: commencement@nova.edu
To: stanleystudent@nova.edu
Cc:
Subject: IMPORTANT - NSU Commencement Information



NSU Commencement Notification

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from the Nova Southeastern University. The ceremony honoring candidates from the College of Health Care Sciences (except Physical Therapy) and College of Nursing will take place on Friday, August 19, 2016, 2:00 p.m., at [The Arena at the Don Taft University Center](#) (UC) on the NSU main campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

PLEASE NOTE: As stated in your student handbook, attendance at commencement is mandatory for all graduates enrolled in full-time, on-campus programs. Graduates enrolled in an online program, or one that does not require attendance at graduation, who state their intention to attend commencement and/or the senior awards dinner and dance by submitting the online Commencement Participation Form (CPF) or dinner reservation form will be assessed the \$175.00 HPD graduation fee (in addition to the \$100.00 degree application fee).

RSVP for commencement by completing a CPF, ensuring your place at the ceremony. You will need your NSU SharkLink username and password to access this form.

The CPF is different from your Degree Application. The CPF reserves your seat at commencement. The degree application must be submitted in order for your degree to be conferred. Visit the [NSU Registrar's Web site](#) for more information.

After you have submitted your CPF, you will automatically be directed to the NSU Bookstore/Oak Hall Cap and Gown website for ordering your NSU approved academic regalia (cap and gown). Be aware that only regalia ordered from the Bookstore are acceptable wear at NSU Commencement. There is no additional charge to you when ordering regalia. Contact the [NSU Bookstore](#) at (954) 262-4750 with any regalia-related questions.

Commencement Check List

Step 1: [RSVP for Commencement and order your regalia](#)

Step 2: [RSVP for Senior Awards Dinner & Dance](#)

Step 3: [Apply for Family Hooding](#)
(Doctoral Candidates only)

Step 4: [Print Commencement Handbook](#)

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Commencement Participation Form



Commencement Participation Form

To RSVP for NSU Commencement, please confirm that all information below is correct.

Note: If discrepancies appear, proceed to [SharkLink](#) to make necessary changes or fax any changes along with your student ID number to NSU Data Entry (954) 262-2915.

To correct a Degree/Major error, please contact your academic advisor.

Candidate Information

First Name:	Mary
Middle Initial:	M
Last Name:	Student
NSU ID Number:	N00000000
Mailing Address:	7251 Blair Dr , Orlando, FL 32818-5871
Email Address:	student@nova.edu
Phone:	(555) 555-5555
Degree:	Bachelor of Science
Major:	Elementary Education

After submitting this form, you will be redirected to the NSU Bookstore/Oak Hall Web site to order your cap and gown.

Email confirmations will be sent after submitting this form and following the purchase of your cap and gown. Retain these RSVPs and regalia purchase invoice confirmations for your records.

Submit

Order Regalia Online



3562 S University Drive
Davie, FL 33328

Congratulations soon to be Nova Southeastern University graduates!

Ordering proper academic regalia is the responsibility of all candidates who participate in commencement. Only regalia ordered through this site are acceptable wear at NSU Commencement.

Your Nova Southeastern University Bookstore is your source for graduation regalia and accessories. Order your regalia here and have it delivered directly to the bookstore for pick up on the following dates:

Order by: Pick Up Begins:

3/23/	4/17/
4/6/	4/24/
4/20/	5/5/
5/1/	5/13/
5/18/	6/5/
7/2/	7/24/
7/30/	8/14/

Below are the deadlines for orders to be placed for each graduation:

Undergraduate and Law: April 20,

HPD-May: May 1,

Graduate: May 18,

HPD-August: July 30,

Congratulations again, and we wish you the best of luck with your new adventures.

Please note: During checkout, you will need to fill out the Profile Details section in its entirety. You will be given the option of bookstore pickup on the following page.

*Rental Agreement: DOCTORAL GRADUATES ONLY - Students will have 7 days after the commencement ceremony to return the regalia back to the bookstore. If the student fails to do so, they will be charged the full purchase price of the regalia (\$1053)

****Please note group orders will not be accepted. Only one complete package may be purchased per order.****

Academic Regalia

Ordering proper academic regalia is the responsibility of each candidate who participates in NSU Commencement and only regalia ordered through the NSU Bookstore website are acceptable wear at commencement.



Undergraduate and master's regalia are yours to keep.

Doctoral graduates have seven (7) days after commencement to return their rented deluxe regalia either at the venue following the ceremony or at the NSU Bookstore. Failure to do so will result in a charge of the full purchase price (\$992.00 plus tax) to the student's account.

Academic Regalia

After your order has been confirmed, HPD candidates can pick up academic regalia at the:

- Shark Store on the main concourse of the Don Taft University Center (UC) in Davie, Fla., up to and including the day before commencement
- At the UC on the day of commencement

For questions regarding caps and gowns, please call the NSU Bookstore at (954) 262-4799 or email regalia@nova.edu.

Final Instructions

Once candidates have RSVP'd for commencement and ordered their academic regalia, another NSU email will be sent approximately two weeks prior to commencement acknowledging their participation and providing final instructions.

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From: commencement@nova.edu
To: stanleystudent@nova.edu
Cc:
Subject: IMPORTANT - NSU Commencement



NSU Commencement Final Instructions

Thank you for completing your Commencement Participation Form (CPF) and ordering your academic regalia for the 2015 Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division Commencement Ceremony honoring graduates from the College of Health Care Sciences (except Physical Therapy) and College of Nursing. The administration and faculty look forward to hosting you and your guests at this year's celebration of academic achievement.

Your commencement will take place on Friday, August 21, 2015, 2:30 pm, at [The Arena at the Don Taft University Center](#) (UC) on the NSU main campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. **Plan to arrive at 1:30 pm when the arena doors open for candidates and guests.**

There is no rehearsal and tickets are not required for your guests.

Candidates should arrive dressed in their regalia and proceed to the assembly area on the second-floor RecPlex. No guests are allowed in the candidate's staging area. For questions regarding the pickup of regalia or for any other regalia-related issues, please contact the NSU Bookstore via [email](#) or call (954) 262-4750.

Your ceremony will last approximately two-and-a-half hours. Out of courtesy to all of your classmates, we ask that you remain for the duration.

Parking

Candidates and guests should park in the Public Library and Student Main Parking Garage located on Ray Ferrero, Jr. Blvd (directly across from the Carl DeSantis Building). The NSU Arena is located 200 yards south of the parking garage. There are handicap accessible parking spaces located on every level of the garage near the elevators.

Please leave handbags and other personal items with your guests. The Don Taft University Center has no facilities available for storing purses or other personal items that you may be

Invitations and Announcements

NSU Bookstore partners provide a selection of invitations, announcements, class rings, frames, etc., specifically tailored toward the NSU Commencement candidate.

For rings, announcements, certificates of thanks, and other graduation needs, visit **Balfour** (www.balfour.com/florida/fort-lauderdale/nova-southeastern-university-main-campus-and-hpd/) or **Herff Jones** (www.herffjones.com/college/nsu). You can also purchase customized diploma picture frames directly from the NSU Bookstore.



Please email the
NSU Bookstore at
regalia@nova.edu
or call (954) 262-4799
with questions or
comments.

Grad Fair

The NSU Bookstore will host several *Grad Fairs* at the Shark Store on the main campus in preparation for commencement.

Personalized announcements, class rings, and diploma frames will be on sale.

Professional photographers will be on site to photograph candidates in their caps and gowns. The portrait sitting is free of charge and picture proofs will be provided via email with no obligation to buy.

**Call the NSU Bookstore at (954) 262-4799
or visit www.nova.edu/commencement
for more information.**

Commencement Ceremonies

HPD Commencement takes place at the Don Taft University Center (UC)

The ceremony is scheduled to last approximately two (2) hours once candidates are seated

As stated in your student handbook, attendance is mandatory for full-time, on-campus programs graduates

Candidates are required to be at the UC one hour prior to the ceremony in order to line up for the processional. All guests are also allowed to enter the arena seating area at that time.

There is no early admittance



Commencement Ceremonies

Guest seating for commencement will be open-style and neither you nor your guests will need tickets to enter the UC

Commencement is a memorable event in the life of all of all graduating students and it is important that every candidate be given an opportunity in the spotlight. Therefore, as a courtesy to your fellow classmates and their guests, please return to your seat and remain there while all candidates have walked across the stage.



If you or your family has any questions concerning commencement, please call us at (954) 262-7225 or contact us by email at commencement@nova.edu

Out-of-Town Guests

Family and friends attending commencement from out of town can find travel bargains and NSU discounts online through the NSU Travel Office (www.nova.edu/travel/index.html)

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Family Hooding



Hooding is a tradition practiced by HPD where a new graduate who is 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 major exceptions: (1) if you have an immediate family member who is a graduate of a program that has the **same degree you are about to receive in the same academic discipline** or (2) if you have an immediate family member who is on the faculty at Nova Southeastern University's Health Professions Division.

Family Hooding (cont.)

Two other exceptions apply to family hooding:

- A doctoral graduate from the College of Osteopathic Medicine may be hooded by a family member who is a doctor of medicine (M.D.)
- A doctoral graduate from the College of Pharmacy may be hooded by a family member who has earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy

NSU defines members of one's immediate family 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 a relative, you must submit the online hooding form that will be linked to your commencement notification email no later than the published deadlines

Photography

NSU Commencement ceremonies are professionally photographed. All candidates will be photographed at least twice, including the exact moment each candidate shakes hands with the dean or president.

Personal photographs may be taken only before and after the ceremony. Due to the large number of people on the arena floor, for security purposes, family members must remain in their seats at all times.



Senior Awards Dinner & Dance

HPD conducts a senior awards dinner and dance prior to its May and August commencement ceremonies. Each candidate may reserve up to two free places for dinner and additional guests are welcome for \$85.00 per person. Tickets are non-transferable.

Please refer to your email invitation or the NSU Commencement Website for RSVP openings and registration deadlines.

The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. and feature a wine and cheese reception followed by a sit-down dinner, music, and dancing. Business attire is suggested.

Information and the link for your RSVP are included with your email notification of commencement. Your seat will not be reserved until you submit the online form.

Senior Awards Dinner & Dance



Health Professions Division Commencement Information

Senior Awards Dinner & Dance Registration

HPD May Senior Awards Dinner and Dance for the graduates and faculty from Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Optometry, Medical Sciences, Dental Medicine, and Physical Therapy Department of the College of Health Care Sciences is scheduled for

The event features a cocktail reception at 7:00 p.m., and dinner at 8:00 p.m., followed by music and dancing. Business attire is suggested.

The deadline to RSVP is

The HPD Graduates: Each candidate and one guest are entitled to attend the dinner at no charge. Additional guests are always welcome at a cost of \$85.00 per person.

HPD Faculty: Faculty members are urged to attend and the cost of their ticket will be paid by HPD. Additional guests are always welcome at a cost of \$85.00 per person.

Requester Information

(All fields are required)

Email: (ex: user@nova.edu)
Title:
First Name:
Last Name:
Daytime Phone:
Address:
City:
State / Province:
Zip / Postal Code:

Guest/Event Information

Dinner Attending:

Senior Awards Dinner & Dance



The May Awards Dinner is set for Thursday, May 19, 2016, at the Broward County Convention Center for graduates from the Colleges of Dental Medicine, Health Care Sciences' Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology Departments, Optometry, Osteopathic Medicine, and Pharmacy



The August Awards Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2016, at the Signature Grand in Davie, Fla., for graduate students from the College of Health Care Sciences (except the Physical Therapy Departments) and College of Nursing

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