

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from Ferris State University! The following information will help you prepare for graduation. There will be **two separate ceremonies**, Hooding and Commencement, on **May 10, 2019**. Students are not required to attend both ceremonies but are highly encouraged too.

HOODING CEREMONY:

There will be a Hooding Ceremony, (separate from the graduation ceremony) which will take place in **Williams Auditorium Friday, May 10, 2019** beginning at **3:00pm**. Students should **check-in no later than 2:45 pm**, doors to the Auditorium open for guests one hour prior to the ceremony. As part of the ceremony there will be a short presentation of awards and recognitions at the beginning. The Deans Office will contact graduates receiving these awards/recognitions later in March or April.

Parking will be available in Lots 10 and 18. Unlike commencement, there is **no limit of guests** for the Hooding Ceremony. Tickets will not be issued for the Hooding Ceremony. Students who do not participate in the Hooding Ceremony will receive their hoods at Commencement during check-in.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY:

The College of Pharmacy's graduation ceremony will be held at **7:00 pm on Friday, May 10, 2019 in the Ewigleben Sports Complex (Wink Arena)** and will be approximately an hour and a half in length.

Plan to arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony to allow you adequate time for check-in. The doors to Wink Arena will open one hour prior to the start of ceremony. All seating is first-come, first-serve. Ushers will be available to help with seating.

Parking is located in lot 48, located next to the Ewigleben Sports Complex. There is designated handicap and general parking on a first-come, first serve basis.

**Participating in commencement is not a certification of graduation, but rather a ceremony that celebrates your academic achievements. Therefore, participation in any Commencement ceremony does not affirm that you have satisfactorily completed all degree requirements. You must satisfy all of your degree requirements before you receive your diploma.

TICKETS:

Due to the large number of students participating, seating is limited and admission is by *ticket only*. Tickets are not required for children two and under. Graduating students, who are **participating in a ceremony**, will receive **six electronic tickets**. Step by step directions for obtaining your electronic tickets can be found on the Commencement Website, at <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/current/Commencement/E-Tickets.htm>. Tickets will be available starting **March 26th** at 8am, and **must be reserved** by 11:59pm on Thursday, May 9, 2019 to guarantee your tickets.

CAPS/GOWNS/HOODS (REGALIA) ORDERING:

Graduates **must** wear the appropriate academic regalia (cap and gown) in order to participate in Commencement and/or Hooding. Regalia for all PharmD candidates are ordered to fit each candidate and must be ordered no later than **March 4th**. To order, you **must** email Karen Bohren, at karenbohren@ferris.edu of the Bookstore, with your **Name, Address, Phone number, Height & Weight, and indicate whether you want your order shipped or held for pick-up at the Ferris State University Bookstore located in the University Center.**

Orders will be placed **March 8th**, and should be ready for distribution by the end of March. The bookstore accepts Cash, or credit card. If you will be having your regalia shipped you will need to call in your credit card to 231-591-2623 any time after you order. Otherwise, payment is due at time of regalia pick-up.

Regalia cost is as follows:

Tam/gown/tassel/hood	\$143.94
tax	<u>8.63</u>

Total	152.57
Less COP Contribution*	<u>25.00</u>
Total cost to Student	\$127.57
shipping	7.95
Total with shipping	\$135.52

* If student is NOT buying the tam, there is no COP contribution

HONOR DESIGNATIONS: for the Commencement ceremony are based on the accumulated average earned during all enrollment periods except **Spring semester 2019**. Your diploma and transcript will include your cumulative GPA for all semesters attended at Ferris State University. Visit

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/current/Commencement/faq/doctorate.htm> for a listing of the designations.

****Honor Cords will be distributed, at no charge, to graduates who have a 3.25 cumulative GPA or higher after Fall 2018 semester at commencement check-in.**

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Students Participating in a Ceremony - If you require special accommodation please contact the Commencement office at (231) 591-3803, at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

Guests – Wink Arena is handicap accessible and has several areas available that will accommodate wheelchairs and guests who are unable to climb the bleachers on the main level. All seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis (we do not reserve seating). We encourage you to arrive when the doors open (the doors open one hour prior to the start of the ceremony) to ensure good seating. Ushers will be stationed around Wink Arena to assist you, if you should need help.

LOAN EXIT COUNSELING:

If you have student loans you're required to complete Loan Exit Counseling by going to <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/admission/financialaid/loanrepayment/>. Please refer questions to the Financial Aid office at 231-591-2110.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Anyone wishing to be licensed in the State of Michigan must submit the Certificate of Pharmacy Education form found at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Certificate_of_Pharmacy_Education_598563_7.pdf to the College of Pharmacy by **email to:** taralee@ferris.edu or **by mail to:** 220 Ferris Drive, Big Rapids MI 49307.

****Be sure to fill out Section I prior to submitting****

The official graduation date for Spring 2018 graduates is **May 11, 2019**. If you need official transcripts sent they must be requested through the Registrars office not the College of Pharmacy. Information on ho to get your transcripts can be found at <https://www.ferris.edu/admissions/registrar/transcriptRequest.htm>.

GRADUATION FAIR: Due to the College of Pharmacy students being off campus we **do not participate** in the Graduation Fair.

If you have any questions please contact Tara Lee, at 231-591-2249 or by email at taralee@ferris.edu.