

Foellinger Great Hall, KCPA

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

Candidates eligible to participate in the College of Education Convocation and campuswide Commencement ceremonies include August 2014 graduates, December 2014 graduates, and May 2015 degree candidates.

Doctoral candidates CANNOT participate in the College Convocation and campus-wide Commencement ceremonies if they do not deposit by April 24, 2015. No exceptions, per the Committee on Commencement.

Prospective Bachelor degree candidates with 13 or fewer hours remaining who expect to complete their degree requirements in August 2015 are eligible to participate. Students who have not yet indicated their intention to participate in both ceremonies should contact the Admission/Records Officer for the College of Education immediately. Failure to do so will prevent candidates from receiving important information. August 2015 names will not appear in the printed College Convocation and campuswide Commencement Program booklets until May 2016.

Prospective Master of Education and Certificate of Advance Study degree candidates with 8 or fewer hours remaining who expect to complete their degree requirements in August 2015 are eligible to participate. Students who have not yet indicated their intention to participate in both ceremonies should contact at convocation@education.illinois.edu immediately. Failure to do so will prevent candidates from receiving important information. August 2015 names will not appear in the printed College Convocation and campuswide Commencement Program Booklets until May 2016.

REGISTERING FOR CONVOCATION 2015

This year's registration process is completely online. Go to <http://education.illinois.edu/convocation> to access the 2015 online registration form. Once there, click on **REGISTER NOW**. *This form can be completed starting March 25, 2015 through April 15, 2015 by 11:59 PM.*

CONVOCATION TICKETS

Tickets are mandatory this year with a maximum of 4 tickets per graduating candidate for admission to Foellinger Great Hall at KCPA for the College of Education's Convocation Ceremony. Please make sure you register the number of guests attending, including all children, even if sitting on a lap.

STUDENT ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Candidates participating in the College of Education Convocation and/or campuswide Commencement ceremonies are required to wear the same academic attire for both ceremonies, which consists of a custom blue University of Illinois gown, blue mortarboard, tassel, stole (undergraduates only) and a hood (graduate degrees only). Regalia must be ordered through Herff Jones website, www.herffjones.com/illinois (disposable gowns purchased at bookstores are inadmissible).

Candidates should order regalia even if unsure about participating. There is no cost if academic attire is not picked up during distribution.

Graduates may order academic attire with Herff Jones either online, late online, or in person as follows:

Online: Graduates may order rental academic attire from **January 19 through April 16 until 10:00 PM CST** at www.herffjones.com/illinois. (**Note:** When the clock strikes 10:01 PM CST, the website will automatically shut down.)

Late online: Herff Jones has designed a late order website that will be operational from Friday, April 17 through Wednesday, April 29 until 10:00 PM CST, where candidates may place a “late” regalia online regalia order at www.herffjones.com/illinois. **A \$20 late fee on orders placed after April 16 will be in effect.** (Note: When the clock strikes 10:01 PM CST, the website will automatically shut down.)

In person: Candidates may order academic attire in the Author’s Corner, Illini Union Bookstore (2nd floor). The schedule is:

Wednesday, April 1	10:00 AM	to	3:00 PM
Wednesday, April 8	10:00 AM	to	3:00 PM
Thursday, April 16	10:00 AM	to	3:00 PM
Wednesday, April 29	10:00 AM	to	3:00 PM

Distribution of candidate regalia will be at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC), 201 East Peabody Drive, Champaign (Multipurpose Room 5 for Masters/Ph.D. degree candidates, and Multipurpose Room 6 for Bachelor degree candidates) at these times:

Wednesday, May 13	11:00 AM	to	6:00 PM
Thursday, May 14	11:00 AM	to	6:00 PM
Friday, May 15	11:00 AM	to	6:00 PM
Saturday, May 16	7:30 AM	to	11:00 AM

(Remember the campuswide Commencement ceremony begins on Saturday at 9:30 AM at Memorial Stadium)

Candidates are strongly advised to pick up regalia on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, and before Saturday, May 1st. Please verify your order and try on regalia right away so you can exchange regalia and caps that are too big or small.

Undergraduate students coming from long distances are encouraged to make arrangements to have someone pick up their academic attire since it cannot be shipped. Masters/Ph.D. candidates have the option of having their regalia shipped. We recommend this. **Payment by cash or check is due at in-person distribution. Payment by credit card is not accepted.**

Return of academic attire is also at the ARC in the same rooms (Multipurpose Room 5 for Masters/Ph.D. degree candidates and Multipurpose Room 6 for Bachelor degree candidates) at these times:

Saturday, May 16	12:00 PM	to	7:00 PM
Sunday, May 17	10:00 AM	to	10:00 PM
Monday, May 18	9:00 AM	to	5:00 PM

Late return: Participants who do not return their academic attire to the ARC by 5:00 PM on Monday, May 18 are responsible for returning it directly to the Illini Union Bookstore between May 19 and May 22 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please note: Herff Jones will assess a late charge of **\$5.00 per day** to participants returning academic attire late.

HOODERS FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

Graduates receiving doctoral degrees (Ed.D. and Ph.D.) need to **select and notify the faculty member who will hood them** at the College of Education’s Convocation Ceremony at Foellinger Great Hall inside KCPA. This person may be your adviser, director of dissertation research, or another faculty member. **The person serving as the hooder must have an earned doctorate degree and wear the appropriate academic regalia.** Dean Mary Kalantzis will hood those who do not designate a hooder.

“Please note that at the campuswide Commencement ceremony, only those with an earned doctorate

(Ph.D., J.D., Ed.D., M.D., and D.V.M.) may hood doctoral candidates. At the campuswide Commencement ceremony, all hooders wear academic regalia, march in the procession and are seated together.” **ONLY ONE HOODER IS ALLOWED ON STAGE PER CANDIDATE AT THE CAMPUSWIDE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.**

CONVOCATION RECEPTION

A reception will be held in the lobby of KCPA on Saturday, May 16 prior to the Convocation Ceremony at approximately 3:00 PM. Punch and cake will be served.

PARKING FOR THE CONVOCATION

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts has a parking garage on site as well as street parking. Additional parking is available in lots surrounding KCPA. Please see <http://www.parking.illinois.edu/visitors> for more information.

CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Arrival: Graduates assemble on Level 2 of KCPA, Urbana, IL, by 4:00 PM to register and line up for the academic procession to Foellinger Great Hall. If you have a problem with regalia on Saturday, May 16, please report to the ARC (*Multipurpose Room 5 for Master's/Ph.D. degree candidates as well as faculty and Multipurpose Room 6 for Bachelor degree candidates*) between 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM.

Check-In: Graduates report to the appropriate degree table on Level 2 as directed by College of Education staff. Pick up, check, and/or complete the information cards given to you at the check-in table. Be sure all information is accurate. Keep these cards with you until you reach the stage at Foellinger Great Hall. You will hand the reader card to the reader on stage and the photographer card to the photographer assistant when departing the stage.

Photography during the ceremony

A professional photographer will take pictures of each graduate as they receive their diploma on stage. A color proof will be sent to each student at no charge, with no obligation to buy, and with full information on purchasing options.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE - FREE

On Saturday, May 16th, shuttle buses will be running from 11:30 AM to 11:00 PM. On Sunday, May 17th, shuttle buses will be running from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM. The Shuttle Bus map may be viewed at www.commencement.illinois.edu.

The College of Education looks forward to celebrating with you. We hope that this letter has provided you with pertinent information regarding this year's College Convocation ceremony. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Middleton at [217-333-4988](tel:217-333-4988), the Dean's Office at [217-333-0960](tel:217-333-0960), or email convocation@education.illinois.edu.

Sincerely,



Mary Kalantzis
Dean