



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

POLICY TITLE: <i>Guest Hooder and Guest Coater Policy</i>	APPROVAL DATE: <i>July 2019</i>
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: <i>Office of Student Affairs</i>	APPLIES TO: <i>All Students</i>

The Guest Coater and Guest Hooder Policy defines the criteria for guests who are allowed to participate in the White Coat Ceremony as a “guest coater” or in the Honors Day graduation ceremony as a “guest hooder.” The ultimate decision for any exception rests with the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

1. MD or MD-PhD alumnus of the UC COM who is a parent (step-parent), grandparent, sibling, spouse, aunt or uncle.
2. MD, MD-PhD, DO or DO-PhD alumnus of any medical school who is parent (step-parent), grandparent, sibling, spouse, aunt or uncle.

A maximum of two (2) guests will be allowed per student at each ceremony. Students can expect emailed correspondence from the Office of Student Affairs in advance of each ceremony with instruction on identifying a guest or guests.

White Coat Ceremony

The Guest Coater(s) must wear a white coat to be included in the ceremony.

Honors Day

The Guest Hooder(s) must wear appropriate regalia including cap, gown, hood, and tassel to be included in the ceremony. Any guest has the responsibility of providing their own academic regalia which is different than the student regalia a guest may have worn when they received their MD, MD-PhD, DO or DO-PhD degree (i.e. student regalia is not acceptable). The UC Medical Bookstore will be available to assist in renting academic regalia, if needed, and emailed correspondence from The Office of Student Affairs in advanced of Honors Day will provide instruction on regalia rentals.

Note: Faculty (MD, MD-PhD) from the UC COM are not eligible to be a guest coater or guest hooder unless they are related to the student in the relationships listed above.

Dated: June 12, 2019

Reviewed by the Interim Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean, Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs, and Associate Dean for Student Affairs