

College of Education: Participation in Graduation Ceremonies for Doctoral Students

Responsibility: Associate Dean; College Coordinator

Time Frame: December and May of each year

Policy: The College of Education holds graduation ceremonies twice a year: December and May.

Students completing their pre-doctoral internship at the end of the summer session may submit a [Graduate and Professional Student Petition](#) to their Advisor **on or before the first working day in April** requesting to “walk” in May’s ceremony.

This means, a student who successfully defends their dissertation, but must make "cosmetic" changes to the dissertation manuscript (prior to submission) can “walk”. However, the actual granting of the degree occurs at the end of the summer term, following the completion of the internship.

Procedures:

Step 1: Students must successfully defended their dissertation at least one week prior to the May graduation ceremony. The petition should indicate the date the dissertation of the successful dissertation defense.

Step 1a: The successful defense of a dissertation occurs when the dissertation committee agrees there is no need for the committee to convene after the scheduled "final defense"

Step 2: Students must wait until the last semester of internship (typically the summer term) to apply for graduation.