



QUILLEN COLLEGE of MEDICINE

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Policy Name/Number: Quillen College of Medicine Graduation Hooding Policy / ADMIN-1221-22

Policy Owner: Deidre Pierce, MD / Associate Dean for Student Affairs	
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(A) Policy Statement:

Placing the academic hood on candidates for the doctoral degree is an indication of academic accomplishment and according to academic customs and tradition is only to be performed by another person who has received a doctoral degree.

(B) Purpose of Policy:

To establish criteria for hooding Quillen College of Medicine (QCOM) graduating medical students.

(C) Scope of Policy (applies to):

Applies to fourth-year medical students

(D) Policy Activities:

The ceremonial act is performed at the annual Graduation Ceremony at QCOM. Hooding will be performed by QCOM faculty members chosen by vote of the graduating class.

Exceptions:

Graduating students who have an immediate family member who has earned a doctor of medicine degree may invite that family member (dressed in appropriate academic regalia) to perform their hooding. Immediate family members are defined as: spouse, parent (may include parents-in-law), sibling, child, aunt, uncle, or grandparent. In the case of husband and wife graduating together, the two graduates may not hood one another as they have not yet received the doctoral degree. Graduates with a parent on the full-time faculty of QCOM with other doctoral degrees may be hooded by the parent. A student may request their hooding be performed by a non-family physician mentor who has played a significant part in the student's development with approval of the request made on a case-by-case basis.