

## UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE



POLICY TITLE: <i>Guest Hooder and Guest Coater Policy</i>	APPROVAL DATE: <i>July 2019</i> <i>Revised November 3, 2022</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.

#### White Coat Ceremony

Only designated college of medicine faculty will serve in the role as “coater” at the White Coat Ceremony. “Guest coaters” are not allowed. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

#### Honors Day

Each student will be allowed a maximum of one guest to serve in the role of “guest hooder” at the Honors Day ceremony.

Students may select any adult of significance who they would like to participate in the ceremony as the guest hooder.

Because guest hooders may be individuals from various educational and professional backgrounds, regalia is not required. Guest hooders are asked to dress in formal, appropriate attire. Guest hooders who have a medical degree are welcome, but not required, to wear the White Coat.

Designated faculty will serve as hooders for any student who did not select a guest hooder.

\*Military graduates will be allowed to invite two guest pinners, in addition to one guest hooder.