

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

GRADUATE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

SPRING, 2008

GREER GARSON THEATRE

12:30 P.M.

Information for Master's Candidates

Please read and keep these instructions!

The University and the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development join you, your family, and friends in the joy and satisfaction you feel in achieving your academic goal—conferral of your master's degree. Your commencement will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 17th, in the Greer Garson Theatre. Doors will be unlocked for seating at 12:10. The ceremony will last approximately one hour. A reception will follow in the theatre lobby.

Tickets will be needed for all guests! Growth of the school and the size of the venue require that we limit the number of guests that each graduate may invite. Therefore, each graduate will be eligible for FIVE guest tickets, which may be picked up from your program office beginning on April 17th. Tickets will be issued to graduates through Wednesday, May 7th. After that date, unissued tickets will be available on a “first come, first served” basis from Ann Dilday, first floor, 6404 Ownby, for those students who would like to include additional guests. **Please do not take more tickets than you need!** No one will be admitted to the auditorium without an official ticket.

Parking in the area is limited. Please plan to arrive early enough to find a parking place in the area (see campus map for parking) and explain to your guests that they may have to walk a considerable distance. Theatre doors will open at noon. In order to accommodate all guests, please ask your guests to fill in rows and not leave empty seats.

Master's Candidates should check in at the table in the lobby and receive a name card “color coded” by graduate program. When your group is called, you will come to the stage and present your card to the person announcing the names of graduates. No special “order” is required for lining up. Signs will indicate where lines should form for the processional.

General Information for Graduates

1. Academic regalia is a requirement, including the correct hood. Regalia is available at the SMU Bookstore. Check that you have the correct color hood and tassel. The bookstore staff can help you with these matters. The correct colors are as follows: Light Blue (education and counseling); White (liberal studies); and Drab (dispute resolution). Wear the tassel of your cap on the LEFT side. You will shift it when your degree is conferred. We advise wearing lightweight clothing under the graduation gown.
2. Graduation announcements are available at the bookstore. Allow several weeks for processing personalized announcements.
3. On stage you will receive an empty diploma folder. Actual diplomas will be available after the ceremony in the theatre. Locate your program's assistant to collect your actual diploma.
4. Leave your personal items with friends or family. Do not leave them in the restrooms nor carry them into the ceremony.