Dear Class of 2020:

The faculty of the Department of Rehabilitation Science cordially invites students, their family and friends to the 17th annual Hooding Ceremony.  During this ceremony, each graduate will be “hooded,” symbolizing completion of his or her graduate program. Achievements will be recognized and awards will be presented.

The Hooding Ceremony is **Friday, May 15, 2020 at 11 AM** in Slee Hall. Students should arrive no later than **10 AM** for preparations and a timely start. Each student should bring their gown, hood, mortarboard and tassel.  All personal belongings must be left with family or friends.

Registration is required. Beginning February 1, 2020 and no later than April 14, 2020 students should [register for the Hooding Ceremony](https://ubevents.formstack.com/forms/2020_rs_hooding_ceremony).

Please complete all of the information requested for your major. Admission to the Hooding Ceremony is by **ticket only**. Each student is allowed up to **6 tickets** for guests. Graduates do not require a ticket for themselves. Tickets for the Hooding Ceremony will be available at 511 Kimball Tower, starting on May 1, 2020. All tickets must be picked up by noon on Thursday, May 7, 2020. **No tickets will be available at the event**.

**SPHHP Commencement and the Hooding Ceremony are two separate events.**

**Students must register for each ceremony separately**. The Commencement Ceremony for the School of Public Health and Health Professions (SPHHP), where students will also walk across the stage, will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020 in the main auditorium of the Center for the Arts, near Slee Hall.  Information for this Commencement Ceremony will be sent to students under separate cover. Students may contact April Whitehead, SPHHP Coordinator, regarding the SPHHP School Commencement at [whitehea@buffalo.edu](mailto:whitehea@buffalo.edu) for further commencement information.

At the Hooding Ceremony in Slee Hall, no food or beverage is allowed in the auditorium. Children in attendance require a ticket. Please note that guests with children who are talking, crying or moving around in a manner that is distracting to other guests or the ceremony may be asked to step outside of the theater.

Slee Hall stroller policy:

* Guests with small children may bring a baby stroller into Slee Hall, however strollers are not allowed in the seats or aisles of the theater due to the hazards they create in the event of an emergency. Strollers may be left in the entrance of the theater at your own risk; ushers inside the theater can direct you to appropriate parking areas for strollers.

Guests with special accommodations:

* If you have guests with special needs, you may address accommodation for them on your RS Hooding registration. The department will provide ushers at all entrances in Slee Hall for your convenience. Further details and directions in regards to parking/wheelchair access or parking needs may be added in the comments for specials need section on your online registration.

On behalf of the entire faculty of the Department of Rehabilitation Science, we look forward celebrating commencement weekend with you and your family and friends.  If you have any questions please contact Emily Luchterhand at 716-829-2097 or email: [sphhp-rs-hooding@buffalo.edu](mailto:sphhp-rs-hooding@buffalo.edu.) .

Congratulations on your significant achievement.

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