

GRADUATION vs. COMMENCEMENT

A GUIDE FOR EdD CANDIDATES IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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DEGREE CONFERRAL

WHAT IS GRADUATION?

Graduation is the conferral of your degree by the Registrar's Office after it is confirmed that all requirements (i.e., completion of all coursework and the publication of your dissertation) have been met.

APPLY + PAY

You must apply for graduation and pay the \$70 application processing and diploma fee.

AFTER CONFERRAL

Once your degree has been conferred you will receive an email letting you know you can order official transcripts that will reflect the EdD degree.

YOUR FRAMED DIPLOMA

Diplomas are framed (courtesy of your DPEL) and are disseminated following receipt of the framed diploma. The DPEL will coordinate with you to ensure delivery of your framed diploma.

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CEREMONY + HOODING

WHAT IS COMMENCEMENT?

Commencement is the ceremony that celebrates the completion of your degree.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:

- Successfully defended your dissertation by the published "Last Day to Submit Completed Thesis/Dissertation" in the current academic calendar. You may choose to participate in Commencement and be hooded by your faculty in that term, or you may choose to wait until the following term (e.g., if you wish to wait until your dissertation is published).
- Apply for graduation with the Registrar's office (though the degree might not be conferred in the same academic term—remember that dissertation copyediting and your work in reconciling those edits can take time).

CEREMONY DETAILS

There is no cost to students for the ceremony itself. Academic regalia is required and can be purchased prior to the ceremony.

To participate in Commencement, students must RSVP. Students who have applied for graduation will receive the RSVP email.

The DPEL is always proud to see students be hooded on the Commencement stage by their faculty. We hope you will participate!

Graduation information can be found at:

csub.edu/registrar/graduation

Questions? graduation@csub.edu

Commencement information can be found at:

csub.edu/commencement

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