

# Western University of Health Sciences

## What is the White Coat Ceremony?

This ceremony is part of the initiation of new health professions students; it is a time when they are “cloaked” with their first white lab coat. This ritual, held in the presence of faculty, administration and family members, helps students become aware of their responsibilities as healers from the very first day of their training. The ceremony encourages them to accept the obligations inherent in their scope of practice: to be excellent in science; to be compassionate; and to lead lives of uprightness and honor. This annual ceremony marks what has become a valued tradition here at Western University.

## WHITE COAT CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS

DO CLASS OF 2013  
DVM CLASS OF 2013  
PharmD CLASS OF 2013  
DMD CLASS OF 2013  
OD CLASS OF 2013  
DPM CLASS OF 2013

MSN-E CLASS OF 2013  
DPT CLASS OF 2011  
MSPA CLASS OF 2010  
MSHS CLASS OF 2010  
MSN/FNP CLASS OF 2010  
DNP CLASS OF 2010

**Saturday, August 8, 2009**

### **College of Optometry - 8:30 am**

Health Sciences Center Amphitheater  
Western University of Health Sciences  
309 E. 2nd Street  
Pomona, CA 91766

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### **College of Allied Health Professions - 11:00 am**

Fox Theater Pomona  
303 S Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

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### **College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific - 8:30 am**

Fox Theater Pomona  
303 S Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

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### **College of Dental Medicine - 11:00 am**

Health Professions Center, Amphitheater II  
Western University of Health Sciences  
309 E. 2nd Street  
Pomona, CA 91766

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### **College of Pharmacy - 8:30 am**

Bridges Hall of Music, Claremont College  
150 E. 4th St  
Claremont, CA 91711

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### **College of Graduate Nursing - 11:00 am**

Health Sciences Center Amphitheater  
Western University of Health Sciences  
309 E. 2nd Street  
Pomona, CA 91766

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### **College of Podiatric Medicine - 8:30 am**

Health Professions Center, Amphitheater II  
Western University of Health Sciences  
309 E. 2nd Street  
Pomona, CA 91766

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### **College of Veterinary Medicine - 11:00 am**

Bridges Hall of Music, Claremont College  
150 E. 4th St  
Claremont, CA 91711

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# WHITE COAT CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS

**PLEASE READ VERY CAREFULLY!**

## **DRESS CODE**

- **No Shorts, No Tee Shirts, No Blue Jeans**
  - **Men - Shirt and Tie**
  - **Ladies - Dress, Skirt or Slacks**
  - **Remember to Bring (Not Wear) White Coats to the Ceremony**
1. The Gold Foundation pin should be placed on the **left lapel** of your white coat. This pin will be distributed with your white coat.
  2. Your name badge should be worn on the right shoulder below the lapel of your white coat.
  3. **Please plan to arrive and be seated 30 minutes prior to the ceremony.** **PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

## **REMEMBER**

- **DO NOT WEAR WHITE COATS** to the ceremony. Carry them over your arm during the ceremony.
- Be sure to **iron your White Coat.**
- Be sure that your White Coat is **unbuttoned** for the ceremony.

Thank you!

**Due to limited seating, you and two (2) guests are invited to attend the White Coat Ceremony**