



MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY
Tomorrow's Healthcare Team

WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Saturday, October 3, 2026

*Cardinal Hall • Midwestern University
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College of Pharmacy, Downers Grove

White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony is a symbolic rite of passage for students of the healing arts. It signifies the student's initiation toward a career as a healthcare professional.

This ceremony reaffirms the academic community's support of the educational process that prepares future healthcare providers for practice. On this day, students pledge their commitment to their professions and to the health of the patients they will serve.

It is a privilege and a responsibility to be able to contribute to the care and healing of others. The White Coat placed on each future healthcare provider today is more than a familiar lab coat: it is a cloak of caring, compassion, and service.

Oath of Commitment

As I embark upon my course of study at Northwestern University, I will:

Enter into a relationship of mutual respect with my teachers and my colleagues to enhance the learning environment and gain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of a healthcare provider;

Accept responsibility only for those matters for which I am competent, maintain the trust expected of a healthcare provider, and never take advantage of the patient-provider relationship;

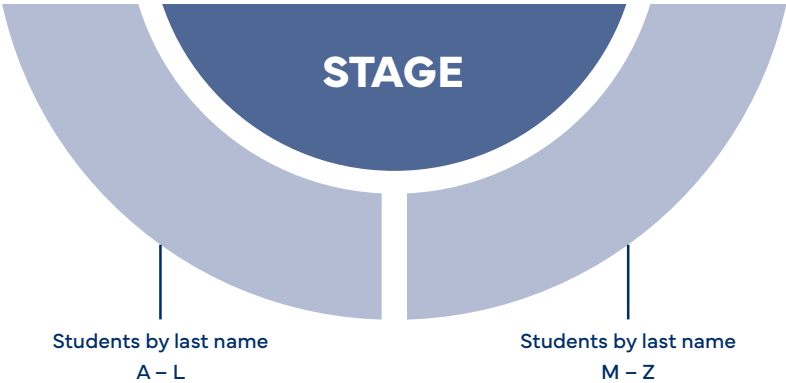
Respect the patient's right to privacy;

Value the knowledge and wisdom of the healthcare professionals who have preceded me and endeavor to contribute to their tradition;

Recognize my weaknesses and strengths, and strive to develop those qualities that will earn the respect of my patients, my colleagues, my family, and myself, and;

Continue this learning throughout all the days of my life.

Coating order from left to right



Program

WELCOME

Mitchell R. Emerson, Ph.D.
*Dean, College of Pharmacy,
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OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Emerson

PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS

OATH OF COMMITMENT

Carrie A. Sincak, Pharm.D., BCPS, FASHP
Associate Dean of Strategic Operations

CLOSING REMARKS

Shaifali Bhalla, Ph.D.
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