

July 31 of that year. The diploma for students who complete graduation requirements later than the date originally scheduled will be awarded at the time requirements are completed and will reflect the date the requirements were completed.

A year four student who has not completed all requirements by July 31, may elect to participate in the commencement ceremony with the next year's class.

- **HOODING OF GRADUATES BY FAMILY MEMBERS**

You may choose to be hooded at commencement by a family member rather than by the faculty chosen by the class for hooding if both the following conditions are met:

- The family member is a MD or PhD faculty member who has an appointment with the School of Medicine. Such appointment may be as a clinical associate.
 - The hooding family member is a parent, stepparent, grandparent, parent-in-law, spouse, or sibling of the graduate.
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Guidelines for Clinical Activities

A. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEDICAL STUDENTS

1. IDENTIFICATION

It is essential that SIU students be immediately recognizable as medical students to patients, house staff members, and staff of all affiliated hospitals and outpatient care centers. In accordance with the School of Medicine directive, students are expected to wear the standard short white coat with the SIU logo and identification badge. During clinical work, students will be introduced to patients as medical students. This term should not be augmented by modifying statements such as "student physician" or "student doctor."

2. PATIENT CARE PROCEDURES

All patients seen by medical students are the ultimate responsibility of the faculty physicians to whom those students are assigned. Students in clinical learning situations involving patient care must be appropriately supervised at all times. While students learn through graded responsibility as their skills progress, supervision must always ensure patient and student safety. Students are only to perform patient care activities and procedures after appropriate instruction and demonstration of necessary skill. The level of responsibility delegated to the student by the supervisor will be appropriate for the student's level of training, and the activities supervised will be within the scope of practice of the supervising health professional. Students may decline to perform any patient care element requested by a resident or attending physician for which they believe they have not received necessary instruction, have not acquired the necessary skill, or do not feel appropriately supervised.

B. MEDICAL RECORDS IN THE HOSPITALS AND CLINICS

Your ability to access medical records in the hospitals and the SIU Clinics is essential to provide appropriate patient care and to facilitate the learning experience. Students are reminded, however, that these records are confidential and should only be accessed as needed for the purpose of providing health care to patients. You are expected to abide by the strictest policies of confidentiality when dealing with medical records in either paper or electronic format. Any violations will be treated as serious matters and may be subject to University, State and federal privacy laws regarding patient health information.