

## University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine M4 Spring and Graduation Checklist - Class of 2026

Date	Task or Event
February 2	<p><b>Commencement apparel</b> through Iowa Hawk Shop for rent (or purchase) Herff Jones website link will be sent when the order site is live. This is a university-wide process and requirement to go through Hawk Shop/Herff Jones directly for all students. You must get all your apparel through them. Renting option is recommended. Final deadline in April.  <a href="https://colleges.herffjones.com/college/hawkeye/">https://colleges.herffjones.com/college/hawkeye/</a></p>
Mid-February	<p>Complete the AAMC Graduation Questionnaire. You will receive a unique, private link from AAMC. This survey provides very important feedback on your UI medical education.</p>
March 2 to May 15	<p>Schedule a Financial Services exit interview with Chris Roling in OSAC. Exit interviews take approximately 45 minutes. The meeting will be held in person unless your preference would be to meet over zoom. Your spouse, partner, or significant other is invited to attend. Personalized loan repayment options and debt management strategies will be discussed. To schedule an exit counseling appointment with Chris Roling, follow this <a href="#">link</a> and select the day/time that you would like to meet. While exit interviews are optional, graduates in the past have found them very helpful and about 90% of students with debt have participated.</p>
<b>February 27</b>	<p><b>Degree applications due.</b> Log into MyUI (<a href="http://myui.uiowa.edu">myui.uiowa.edu</a>), select Degree Application, under Student Information. Select Application Session – Spring 2026, complete application.            Note: You are strongly encouraged to use your official name on your diploma.</p> <p>As part of the process, the University <b>requires students to RSVP for the commencement</b> ceremonies by early-April. Information is available at <a href="https://commencement.uiowa.edu/rsvp">https://commencement.uiowa.edu/rsvp</a> Please use your M4 photo. If your plans change after that date, please contact Annette Griffin.</p>
<b>March 4</b>	<p>If participating in the NRMP match, complete and <b>certify your Rank Order List</b> with NRMP at <a href="https://www.nrmp.org/">https://www.nrmp.org/</a> by 8:00 p.m. CST. No exceptions!</p>
March 13	<p>Last day to order regalia to be shipped to the Iowa Hawk Shop.  <a href="https://colleges.herffjones.com/college/hawkeye/">https://colleges.herffjones.com/college/hawkeye/</a></p>
March 13	<p>Match week information shared by CCOM Student Body President and Director of Curriculum and Registrar Services. SOAP details will be included.</p>
March 16	<p>You will find out whether or not you matched. Available at 9:00 am through your NRMP account.</p>
<b>Friday</b> <b>March 20</b>	<p><b>Match Day! Match envelopes will be distributed at 11:00 am.</b> Brunch served at 10:00 am.            If you will be gone on Match Day and would like us to give your envelope to someone else, please provide the information and authorization to Annette Griffin in advance.            Note: Results will be released online to you by the NRMP at 11:00 am.</p>
March 23 to May 15	<p>If you have student loans, you are <b>required</b> to complete online exit counseling with Direct Loan Servicing, as well, before graduation. An email with more information will be sent to you before graduation. Go to <a href="https://studentaid.gov/app/counselingInstructions.action?counselingType=exit">https://studentaid.gov/app/counselingInstructions.action?counselingType=exit</a> to complete this exit interview for your direct loans between late March and early May. Failure to do this will delay transcript requests from being processed.</p>
March - May	<p>If you receive a letter of appointment/contract from your residency program, sign and return it promptly. Forms requiring enrollment verification, photo requests, etc. should be taken to Annette Griffin as soon as you receive them to avoid the need for overnight mail, etc. FYI, Annette, Scott Hansen, and Joan Smothers are Notaries Public.</p>
March - May	<p>Find out what the start date is for the health insurance policy at your residency. If you currently have a UI student insurance policy, your coverage will end at the end of May (“the month in which you cease to be a student”). After graduation, you may apply to continue coverage for up to 12 months. (Details at the Benefits Office, 319-335-2676 or email <a href="mailto:benefits-students@uiowa.edu">benefits-students@uiowa.edu</a> ).</p>

Early April	Watch for an email from Annette Griffin giving you the opportunity to proofread the information that will appear in the graduation program (your name, hometown, previous degrees (not majors), match results, awards). Provide Annette with any corrections ASAP.
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Last day to order home ship apparel/regalia.</b> <a href="https://colleges.herffjones.com/college/hawkeye/">https://colleges.herffjones.com/college/hawkeye/</a>
Late April – Early May	If you have SLEDD Loans, Bloom Loans, Lottie Lester Evans Loans, Kessler Loans, Perkins Loans, Primary Care Loans, or any other campus-based loan, these will be serviced by an outside agency, ECSI of Pennsylvania. If you have any of the loan types listed above, you will be <b>required</b> to complete an online exit interview with ECSI ( <a href="https://www.heartlandecsi.com/">https://www.heartlandecsi.com/</a> ). Notice regarding the required online exit interview process will be sent to you directly by ECSI closer to graduation.
May 11	Pick up your 11” x 14” copy of the Class of 2026 composite picture and Physician’s Oath from Annette Griffin. Please do not leave town without these nice mementos.
May 11	Clean out your locker in the LL of MERF before graduation. Anything left behind will be thrown away. Contact Dana Hartman with any questions.
May 11	Return your pager after you have completed all clinical rotations. There will be a return box in both the main OSAC Office (1216 MERF) and Flocks Community Office (1150A MERF). Please return by June 1st in order to receive a credit for the pager deposit. Contact Dana Hartman with any questions. Note: If you are staying at UIHC for residency, you will receive a different pager.
May 13	Distinction Track Recognition Ceremony. 5:00 pm reception, 5:30 pm remarks. Further information will be provided in advance.
May 15	Graduation reception in MERF atrium, 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Family and friends are invited. Menu will be heavy hors d’oeuvres. No formal program, come and go as you please.
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Graduation Ceremony</b> at 6:30 pm at Hancher. Doors open at 5:30 pm. <b>Arrive no later than 6:00 pm.</b> <b>No tickets required and no reserved seating.</b> Contact Annette Griffin if you have any guests who need seating accommodations. Diplomas will be in alphabetical order and graduates sit in order. Be sure to let Annette know if you will not be attending the graduation ceremony.
FYI	Degrees will not post on transcript until 3 – 4 weeks following commencement. When ordering a transcript at <a href="http://myui.uiowa.edu">myui.uiowa.edu</a> , change the “NOW” dropdown to “AFTER DEGREE POSTED”.
<b>FYI</b>	While you will receive your paper diploma at graduation, you will receive an email from Paradigm with a link to download your digital diploma. The email is sent to the email address you submitted on your degree application.  The link to <b>download the diploma</b> expires 45 days after it is sent, so it’s important that you download the CeDiploma and save it. Do this and it will save you time on future licensure/verification paperwork.
FYI	Your correct name is now Jane Doe, M.D. or Dr. Jane Doe but not Dr. Jane Doe, M.D. (use one or the other but never both).
Donate	Used texts and board review books to the Academic and Career Advising Center, 1240 MERF; unwanted furniture in good condition to Houses into Homes <a href="https://www.housesintohomes.org/">https://www.housesintohomes.org/</a> or the Furniture Project <a href="https://www.iowacityrestore.com/">https://www.iowacityrestore.com/</a> .
UI CCOM Alumni	Stay connected to your classmates and actively involved in the life of the college, by regularly visiting <a href="https://alumni.medicine.uiowa.edu/">https://alumni.medicine.uiowa.edu/</a> .

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