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Policy Title: Student White Coat Ceremony

This policy outlines the requirements for an individual to coat a student during the White Coat ceremony.

OCOM first-year medical students will participate in a traditional White Coat ceremony to mark the beginning of their medical school journey. Each student will receive a white coat and be coated during the ceremony.

A ceremonial rite of passage is for students to be coated by their assigned Academic Advisor or a family member who is a medical doctor during the White Coat ceremony. If a student would like to select an individual, not their designated Academic Advisor, to coat them, they may file a request with the Office of Student Affairs.

Individuals who want to coat their first-year medical students must hold either a Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) or a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree from an accredited medical school. Immediate family members who have either the DO or MD degree from an accredited medical school may be permitted to coat students upon approval by the Office of Student Affairs.

**For this Policy, an immediate family member is defined as a person who is connected to the graduate by blood or marriage—spouse, partner, parent(s), parent-in-law, brother,*



sister, son, daughter, grandparent(s), aunt, uncle, cousin, nephew, niece, or sibling-in-law.

If the individual is approved to coat the student, the Office of Student Affairs will communicate the details regarding the ceremony to the approved individual.

The White Coat Ceremony Policy can be found at ocom.org/policies.