

# Degree Completion Timeline Chart

## Doctoral Degrees (DrPH and PhD)

Try to set your defense date with your program, mentor and committee at least 60 days in advance. Email gradcompletion@mcw.edu as soon as your defense date is set. Your degree requirements and graduation date is determined by the Graduate School based on set defense date. Graduates in Summer and Fall terms, are invited to participate in Commencement events held the following Spring.

| Term        | Graduation Date            | Dissertation Defense Set Date Timeframe   | Apply for Graduation in MCWconnect |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 2024 Fall   | 9/30/2024                  | 7/29/2024 - 11/29/2024  | 8/1/2024 - 9/1/2024                |
|             | 10/31/2024                 |   |                                    |
|             | 11/27/2024                 |   |                                    |
|             | 12/31/2024                 |   |                                    |
| 2025 Spring | 1/31/2025                  | 12/2/2024 - 4/11/2025<br><i>*Must defend by 4/11/2025 to participate in 2025 Commencement events. After 4/11/2025 students are invited to 2026 Commencement events.</i> | 11/1/2024 - 12/1/2024              |
|             | 2/28/2025                  |   |                                    |
|             | 3/31/2025                  |   |                                    |
|             | 4/30/2025                  |   |                                    |
|             | 5/16/2025*<br>Commencement |   |                                    |
| 2025 Summer | 6/30/2025                  | 4/14/2025 - 8/8/2025  | 4/1/2025 - 5/1/2025                |
|             | 7/31/2025                  |   |                                    |
|             | 8/29/2025                  |   |                                    |
| 2025 Fall   | 9/30/2025                  | 8/11/2025 - 12/5/2025   | 8/1/2025 - 9/1/2025                |
|             | 10/31/2025                 |   |                                    |
|             | 11/25/2025                 |   |                                    |
|             | 12/30/2025                 |   |                                    |
| 2026 Spring | 1/30/2026                  | 12/8/2025 - 4/10/2026<br><i>*Must defend by 4/10/2026 to participate 2026 Commencement events. After 4/10/2026 students are invited to 2027 Commencement events .</i>   | 11/1/2025 - 12/1/2025              |
|             | 2/27/2026                  |   |                                    |
|             | 3/31/2026                  |   |                                    |
|             | 4/30/2026                  |   |                                    |
|             | 5/15/2026*<br>Commencement |   |                                    |
| 2026 Summer | 6/30/2026                  | 4/13/2026 - 8/7/2026  | 4/1/2026 - 5/1/2026                |
|             | 7/31/2026                  |   |                                    |
|             | 8/31/2026                  |   |                                    |

## Certificate and Master's Degrees (MA, ME, MMP, MPH, and MS)

Master's degree graduates in the Summer and Fall terms, are invited to participate in Commencement events held the following Spring.

| Term        | Graduation Date           | Apply for Graduation in MCWconnect | Degree Requirements Due |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2024 Fall   | 12/31/2024                | 8/1/2024 - 9/1/2024                | 12/13/2024              |
| 2025 Spring | 5/16/2025<br>Commencement | 11/1/2024 - 12/1/2024              | 5/9/2025                |
| 2025 Summer | 8/29/2025                 | 4/1/2025 - 5/1/2025                | 7/25/2025               |
| 2025 Fall   | 12/30/2025                | 8/1/2025 - 9/1/2025                | 12/12/2025              |
| 2026 Spring | 5/15/2026<br>Commencement | 11/1/2025 - 12/1/2025              | 5/8/2026                |
| 2026 Summer | 8/31/2026                 | 4/1/2026 - 5/1/2026                | 7/24/2026               |