



Spring Commencement Policy & Procedures Spring 2018

Overview: It is the current CWU policy that candidates may participate in spring commencement if they will complete all necessary requirements, including course work, within one quarter of commencement (i.e., the following summer quarter).

Rationale: This is a Registrar policy, providing limited flexibility and clear guidelines regarding participation in spring commencement activities. Since these are CWU policies, the School of Education must abide by these guidelines. Each year we receive several requests, seeking exceptions to the policy. In the past, when extraordinary circumstances have existed, exceptions have been made. But, for most candidates, the request is prompted by the desire to ‘walk’ with friends in commencement, the timing is better for family, etc. These circumstances do not warrant an exception. Unless the SOE candidate is set to complete their academic requirements during the summer just after commencement, they will not be allowed to walk prior to graduation. This is difficult for those candidates who only have their student teaching requirements left to complete and plan to finish up the next fall. Since this is two quarters after spring commencement, an allowance cannot be approved.

Procedure:

- Candidates should intend to participate in the spring commencement after they have completed all program requirements.
- This means that candidates should work to time their program so that they complete in a quarter that is advantageous to their participation. In other words, if they could finish in fall, but do not want to wait until the following spring to participate in commencement, candidates should work to rearrange their completion quarter to better accommodate their wishes.
- Any candidate appeals should be submitted to the SOE office (TeachEd@cwu.edu).