1. **Bachelor gown** – put your hands through the open end of the sleeves. This gown is applicable for students graduating from the bachelor, associate degree, advanced diploma, diploma, certificate, graduate diploma or graduate certificate programs.

2. **Master gown** – has an extension to the sleeve and there are arm openings midway down the sleeves. This gown is used for students graduating from a master program.

3. **Hood** – There will be a v-shape opening with possibly a button loop at one end of your hood. Open the hood so that the internal lining shows and have the v-shape and button loop pointing downwards. This is the opening that will sit around your neck.

4. Place the opening over your head. Again, keep the v-shape and button loop pointing downwards. Pull the v-shape down your chest slightly. For a bachelor hood, the white trim will sit towards the shoulders. Allow the back part of the hood to drape down your back.

5. Fix the loop to a shirt button on your clothing. Turn over some of the satin lining to expose more colour on the shoulders. Optional – use safety pins to pin the hood to your gown to keep it from slipping over your shoulders. This can be tricky, so you may need to ask for help!

6. At the back of the hood, turn over the satin lining slightly to show colour – don’t turn the whole hood inside out. Hoods will tend to slip around your shoulders, so adjust as you move! Check before you go on stage and for photographs.

7. The stole is applicable for associate degree, advanced diploma, diploma, certificate, graduate diploma or graduate certificate programs. The stole with the white trim is applicable for advanced diploma, diploma and certificate programs. Note: An associate degree stole has a black trim and graduate diploma or graduate certificates stoles have no trim. Place over your head with long tails on the front of your gown and the square piece at the back.

8. **Mortarboard** – the long, deep end goes to the centre back of your head. Bobby pins can be used to secure the mortarboard to your hair should it be loose.

9. You wear the square part of the mortarboard flat. The tassel will drape on your left side.

10. The PhD gown is black with red silk trimming on the front of the gown and the edge of the sleeves.

11. The PhD hood is red on one side and red silk on the inside. You wear this the same way as a bachelor hood – see points 3, 4, 5 and 6.

12. **Bonnet** – you wear a black bonnet with a red tassel that drapes on your left side.
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