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## Graduation Hood Colors

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**amydion** Posted 02/03/2011

Why don't we have a national hood color to represent OT at graduation ceremonies?

Like many of my fellow passionate and dedicated occupational therapy students at Sacred Heart University, I was looking forward to officially joining our profession by donning my hood to proudly represent occupational therapy at our graduation ceremony. [But to date] graduates have been wearing [only] the gold hood, symbolic of generic science....

I would love to invite other students and professionals to take part in a dialogue to collect thoughts on this important matter. Thank you.

**Neil Harvison replied** on 02/03/2011

In 1995 the AOTA Commission on Education did adopt "Slate Blue" as the official color for hoods for graduates of MOT and OTD degrees. The guide for academic regalia states that graduates from programs offering MA and MS degrees should wear the color designated for those degrees. Since 1995, the Association and a number of academic programs have made SEVERAL unsuccessful attempts to have "Slate Blue" listed by the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume on the official color list. Initially, we were informed that there was a moratorium on assigning new colors. More recent correspondence (letters, e-mails, and phone messages) have not been returned. This is frustrating to all of us! However, we have had a color since 1995 and it is **slate blue**.

—Neil Harvison, PhD, OTR/L, Director, Academic Affairs, AOTA

**amydion replied** on 02/10/2011

Neil—Thank you so much for your rapid response to this concern. I appreciate your clarification that the Association has a designated hood color and that there is a moratorium on getting it listed by IBAC. Due to your response, our university has ordered the slate blue hoods for us to wear at graduation. I hope that AOTA continues to pursue this issue with IBAC with success in the near future. Again, thank you for your helpful response!

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Producer Tessa | February 04, 2011

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