



COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION



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Fall 2026 Information and Deadlines for Graduation

Sept. 4th

Complete your online [Intent to Graduate](#) form by this date.* Students completing a dissertation or thesis should obtain and consult the current Manual for Thesis/Dissertation Defense on the COE website <http://coe.tcu.edu/forms-documents/>.

Oct. 16th

Thesis/Treatise/Capstone/Dissertation Writers: Final draft should be available for your committee by this date.

Nov. 6th

Programs should schedule final orals for all degrees, both thesis and non-thesis (treatise) and dissertation by this date. Students are responsible for notifying the COE Graduate Office regarding the date of the oral defense.

**At least two weeks
prior to oral**

Thesis/Treatise/Capstone/Dissertation Writers: An electronic copy should be submitted to committee members. **It must be carefully proofread and in its final form**, except for any changes that might be suggested at the final oral.

Nov. 20th

Final orals/defenses must be completed by this date. **The revised dissertation or thesis must be uploaded to ProQuest by Dec. 2nd.**

ProQuest

Thesis/Dissertation Writers: A \$10 processing fee will be charged to your student account when you submit to the library for archiving (<https://library.tcu.edu/submit-thesis-or-dissertation.asp>).

Dec. 18th

Commencement

* Should it be necessary to delay graduation, fill out a **Cancel Intent to Graduate** form or notify the COE Graduate office to do so. It will be necessary to complete another **Intent to Graduate** form for your new graduation date.