



# Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

## Defense and Graduation Deadlines for Anschutz Medical Campus Non-Thesis MS Students Academic Year 2025-2026

**NOTE: If you miss deadlines in the current semester, your degree conferral will be postponed to the next semester.** Master’s students must be registered in the term in which their degree is awarded. MS (non-thesis) students intending to graduate and participate in graduation ceremonies must adhere to the deadlines identified below in order to graduate. These deadlines are established and published a year in advance for any given term to provide students with enough time to plan for graduation and ensure the Graduate School can clear students of all graduation requirements and verify degree awards. It also allows for compliance with requirements and deadlines set by other offices for graduation. MS non-thesis students taking their exam after the deadline (up to the end of the term) may request an exception to walk in the current term graduation ceremony while graduating in the next term. Deadlines are different for MS students with a thesis requirement (see [Graduation Deadlines for PhD and MS Thesis Students](#)).

Task	Fall 2025 Graduation	Spring 2026 Graduation	Summer 2026 Graduation
Submit your <b>Application for Graduation</b> (in your UCDAccess student portal) to notify the Registrar and GS of your intent to graduate.	Between: <b>June 9, 2025</b> and <b>September 5, 2025</b>	Between: <b>September 8, 2025</b> and <b>January 30, 2026</b>	Between: <b>February 2, 2026</b> and <b>June 5, 2026</b>
<b>At least 2 weeks prior to the exam! Late requests may result in your committee not having your exam report form, which could delay your graduation.</b>			
Submit <b>Exam Request</b> form to the Graduate School to schedule defense exam.	No later than: <b>November 12, 2025</b>	No later than: <b>April 17, 2026</b>	No later than: <b>July 17, 2026</b>
Submit <b>Application for Candidacy</b> form to the Graduate School.	<b>With Exam Request</b>	<b>With Exam Request</b>	<b>With Exam Request</b>
Take final comprehensive exam or give final presentation.	<b>November 26, 2025</b>	<b>May 1, 2026</b>	<b>July 31, 2026</b>
<b>End of Term</b>	<b>December 12, 2025</b>	<b>May 15, 2026</b>	<b>August 14, 2026</b>
<b>Commencement</b>	<b>December 13, 2025</b>	<b>May 18, 2026</b>	<b>TBA</b>

### Reminders:

- Your program may have earlier internal deadlines than those in this document. In particular, you may have to schedule your final exam earlier than permitted by these deadlines.
- Download all forms directly from [Graduate School Resources](#) to ensure you have the most current version.
- Your program administrator should review all forms before you (or they) submit to the Graduate School.
- Refer to your unofficial transcript as you type your Application for Candidacy. The number of credits indicated on the first page should be the minimum required for your program of study. Do not include failed classes or classes that were not necessary for your degree. Courses listed on the Application for Candidacy cannot be counted toward a future master’s degree.
- All transfer credits must be posted before you submit your Application for Candidacy.