



WHITE COAT

CEREMONY
AND FAMILY
WEEKEND

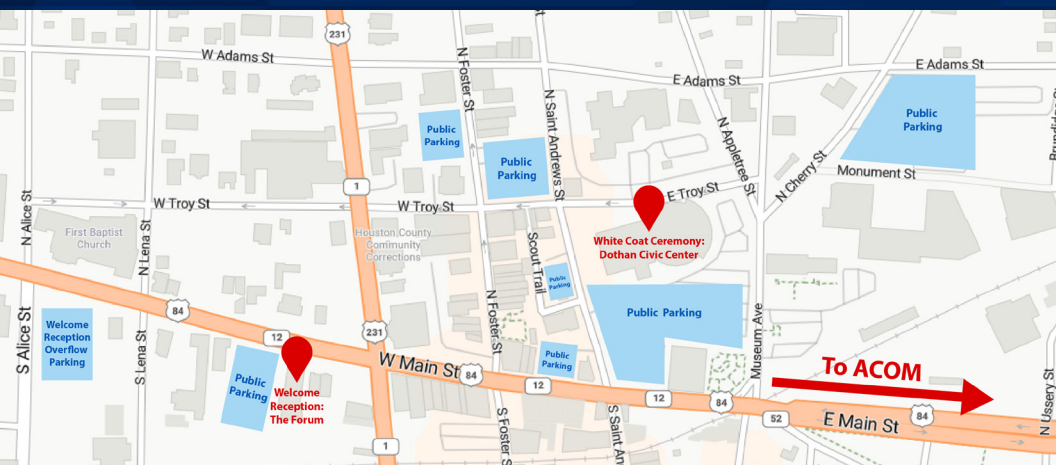
ACOM CLASS OF 2029

SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2025



We are excited to share this special time with you. The traditional white coat, which physicians have worn for more than a century, is an outward sign of the medical profession. The formal presentation of the white coat symbolizes your entrance into a new academic environment and your acceptance of the obligation and high standards of compassionate care.

This weekend can be hectic as you balance classes with friends and family coming into town. This information will help you prepare for what to expect and help you enjoy a stress-free weekend.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Self-Guided Campus Tour

9 - 11 a.m. | ACOM Lobby

- » Invite your friends and family to experience the heart of ACOM with a guided tour. Show them the places where future physicians learn, grow, and prepare to make a difference.

Welcome Reception

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | The Forum

231 W Main St, Dothan, AL 36301 (Downtown Dothan)

- » Join us for a warm and inviting welcome reception, where you can connect with fellow guests and celebrate the beginning of your ACOM experience.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

White Coat Ceremony

2 - 4 p.m. | Dothan Civic Center

126 N. St. Andrews Street (Downtown Dothan)

- » **Students arrive and enter in through the back entrance no later than 12:45 p.m. with their white coats in hand.**
- » **Handheld metal detectors will be used, so allow ample time to enter. Only clear bags will be allowed into the arena.**
- » Doors on the south side of the civic center will open for the public at 1 p.m.
- » A class photo will be taken immediately before the ceremony on the steps on the north side of the civic center.

Dress Code for White Coat

- » Professional dress and footwear are required.
- » No low-cut or short blouses because you will need to raise your arms overhead when putting on the coat.
- » The stage is elevated, please avoid short dresses or skirts.
- » Do not wear sheer clothing due to professional lighting being used.
- » Ties are preferred and jackets are optional.
- » Avoid large jewelry that could get caught during coating.

Caring for Your White Coat

» DO NOT BLEACH

- » Use a color guard detergent and wash in COLD water.
- » Tumble dry on LOW heat.
- » Your coat can be steamed and ironed, but do not hold the iron or steam directly on the embroidery.
- » Your coat can be dry cleaned, but be sure not to over starch the coat or overheat the embroidery.

Parking

There is parking at the Civic Center and there is no charge for parking in Downtown Dothan.

- » Since it is a Sunday afternoon event, there should be adequate parking.
- » If needed, there is additional parking notated on the map on the second page of guide.

Hotels

Booking information at:

www.acom.edu/white-coat-ceremony/

