

STUDENT HANDBOOK

SECTION: College of Pharmacy Policies

and Procedures

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STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL DRESS FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

A. Purpose

All students are expected to adhere to the highest professional standards as outlined by the College of Pharmacy Student Handbook and Experiential Education Manual. Student pharmacists are representing themselves, their peers and the College of Pharmacy. Their behavior and ethics directly effects the perception of a pharmacist and the practice of pharmacy. All students should behave appropriately and dress in a professional manner at all times. The student must comply with all site specific professional dress codes, which generally is business casual. Each clinical site may have additional dress requirements. Students should check with their preceptor at least 2 weeks in advance of the rotation to become familiar with any special requirements or needs. If the professionalism policy is not followed, students may be sent home and an unexcused absence will be documented for the day.

B. Persons Affected

Students - College of Pharmacy

C. Definitions

None

D. Policy and Procedures

- 1. All students must wear a neat, clean short white lab jacket with their College name tag for all experiential rotations. Long white laboratory coats should never be worn by pharmacy students in patient care settings unless directed by a preceptor.
- 2. Female students may wear knee-length or longer skirts, dresses, or dress slacks with appropriate business (close-toed) shoes. Low-or-moderate heeled shoes are appropriate per dress code policy.
- 3. Male students must wear dress slacks, dress shirts and ties, socks and appropriate business dress shoes.
- 4. Jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, T-shirts, hospital scrubs (unless indicated) are not appropriate or allowed.
- 5. All students must maintain good personal hygiene at all times. Nails should be kept clean and well-manicured and at a length not to interfere with duties of a pharmacist. Please keep in mind that many sites do not allow artificial nails, fingernail polish and/or make-up. Naturally-occurring hair color and style should be kept conservative and in a manner that represents a professional image. Cologne and perfume are not allowed. Additionally, earrings should be worn in a professional manner and limited to one to two per ear. No other body piercing, body modification and gauges should be visible. Additionally, tattoos should not be visible as well. Hats are not allowed.
- 6. Gum chewing will not be allowed during clinical activities.

All students will adhere to the site specific policy regarding all tobacco products.

E. Responsibilities

The Office of Experiential Learning is responsible for reviewing and responding to potential violations of the Standards for Professional Dress for Experiential Learning

F. Review

The Office of Experiential Education is responsible for this policy. This policy shall be reviewed every five years in conjunction with the Experiential Education Advisory Committee.