

## Policy Title: Dress Code for Professional Attire and Clinical Activities

Students must maintain an appearance that conveys a professional image and is suitable for duties in all patient care areas including remote and on-site patient encounters in the UCF College of Medicine Clinical Skills and Simulation Center. Acceptable requirements for appearance include the following:

- Photo identification badge must be worn at all times when engaged in College of Medicine activities.
- White lab coats are required and should be clean, wrinkle-free, and in good repair.
- Jewelry selection: Body piercing or jewelry that would interfere with the ability to (i) comply with all safety and quality care policies, procedures, and requirements of the clinical site (e.g., mask fitting, PPE donning and doffing, hair cap wearing, metal near an MRI, dangling jewelry, etc.), or (ii) perform all reasonably assigned tasks are not permitted.
- Makeup should project a professional image.
- Hair must be clean and styled in such a manner as to prevent inadvertent contamination during patient care and other professional duties. Long hair should be controlled in the back and unable to fall forward during activities. Facial hair must be neatly groomed or clean-shaven.
- Headgear that is not worn for religious or medical purposes is not allowed.
- Fingernails should be clean and maintained at a reasonable length of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or less. Acrylic nails are not allowed.
- Body art/tattoos should not be visible.
- For patient-comfort purposes excessive perfumes, colognes, aftershaves, scented lotions, etc. should not be worn in patient care settings.
- Gum chewing or use of any tobacco products is not allowed in clinical settings.
- Remote patient encounters follow the same dress code that in person-encounters. Dress code specifications for individual sessions will be provided by course/module coordinators.

### Professional clothing:

- Clothing should be well-fitting (neither over- nor undersized) and free of holes, tears or stains.
- Pressed slacks, skirt, or dress.
  - Denim (of any color), shorts or hemlines greater than 2 inches above the knee (top of the patella) are not considered professional clothing.
- Dress shirt or top.
  - Low cut, midriff, strapless or see-through blouses, shirts or dresses are not acceptable. Undergarments should not be visible.
  - T-shirts with slogans or pictures are not allowed.
- Closed toe dress and casual shoes are required in clinical care sites. Shoes should be clean with heels no greater than 2 inches.
  - Sandals, open-toed, canvas, or athletic shoes are not permitted.

The established norms of certain clinical settings may modify these standards for professional attire, but any variations in professional attire must be approved by the student's supervisor at that site. Consult your supervisor to clarify expectations for student attire in any ambiguous or new situations.

### 1.0 Revision History

Version	Date Approved	Modifications
V1	6/1/2025	Removed policy from handbook