

ArizonaMed Student Dress Guidelines

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The UA College of Medicine is committed to providing quality medical education, which requires students to adhere to standards of professionalism expected of physicians in training. Keeping in mind its obligations to maintain a professional environment in which students can learn and gain professional skills, which also respects the dignity of its patients, its graduates, its faculty and the public, the College of Medicine promulgates these dress guidelines, which also are intended to protect the health and safety of patients, students, faculty and members of the public. When students interact with the public in their roles as medical students, the College of Medicine anticipates that they will adhere to the standards of professionalism expected of physicians, which includes professional dress. Clerkships and affiliated hospitals may also have dress requirements for students, which students are expected to follow. Additionally, students also must be aware of and adhere to OSHA and other regulations, which may dictate additional dress requirements. Students should check with clerkship site directors to determine whether clerkships and affiliated hospitals' policies differ in their expectations regarding professional dress.

The following applies in classroom and clinical settings, unless otherwise directed by clerkships and training sites:

Classroom Setting

Students may dress comfortably, but are expected to demonstrate a professional appearance. Clothing that prevents others from learning or participating meaningfully in the educational opportunities offered to all students in the College is inappropriate.

Clinical Setting (applies when students are interacting with patients, including Standardized Patients and Patient Instructors, whether on or off the UA COM campus, or whenever guest lecturers attend class)

Students are expected to dress professionally and adhere to the following:

- Students must wear their hospital ID badges at all times.
- In Societies clinical activities, wearing a white medical coat is optional.
- Students should wear proper attire, such as dress shirts or blouses, slacks, skirts or dresses, and closed-toed footwear (athletic shoes and "flip flops" are not appropriate).
- Students may wear scrub suits only in areas deemed appropriate by individual hospitals.
- Students should avoid wearing excessive jewelry or strongly scented fragrances.
- Fingernails should be properly maintained; artificial nails are not allowed.
- Students with hair longer than shoulder length should wear it pulled back and secured.