

College of Osteopathic Medicine

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UNE COM Osteopathic Medical Student Dress Code Policy

Attire and Grooming: Dress is a personal form of expression, which conveys how we see ourselves in the world. There are times when a different standard of dress is required for different activities. The form of dress shows respect for the people with whom we interact, their perspective of the world, and the role we play within it. As professionals, students need to understand and respect that their manner of dress sends a message to patients and other professionals. At all times, all individuals in the UNE COM community, including students, faculty and staff, are expected to show good judgment in their attire and grooming. Generally, everyday attire should be neat, clean, and conservative, neither too tight, nor overly revealing. Clothing should be free from profane or obscene language or innuendo. Shoes and socks/stockings should also be clean and appropriate.

Classrooms: Dress standards will be established by course directors. Classroom attire of all present should convey awareness that the medical student is entering a profession that is held in high regard by the members of the public. This is particularly important for the student as it conveys to faculty and others an understanding of the role they will assume as practicing physicians. If patients or the public are present during class, Preceptor Dress (see below) with a White Coat is required for all students (this includes in working with Standardized Patients in the Clinical Performance Center and in any Oral Board Exam). Course directors have the discretion to require Preceptor Dress for other activities as deemed necessary for the course.

Preceptorships/Clerkships: Professional activities, such as preceptorships, usually demand a more formal style of dress than does the classroom. Unless otherwise specified, a White Clinical Coat and name tag will be required while the student is on preceptorship assignments. Students on clinical rotations will comply with the dress code of the clinical site and OSHA standards. If the clinical site does not have a stated policy, a White Clinical Coat and Name Tag are required to be worn over standard, accepted Preceptor Dress.

Preceptor Dress: is generally defined as dress pants, dress shirts and tops or conservative length skirts/dresses. In all cases, footwear should be closed toed and appropriate for clinical or laboratory activities. Your white coat may be required.

Casual Dress: is permitted in settings where the public is not expected to be present. Dress should be appropriate to the event or dictated by safety protocols and OSHA requirements. Such settings may include but are not limited to the following: research laboratories, study groups, club meetings, recreational and social events.

If a course director, clinical supervisor, faculty, or their designee observes a “violation” in grooming or attire, the individual may be requested to leave the classroom, laboratory, or clinical site.