

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. Shoes and socks/stockings should also be clean and appropriate.

1. **Classrooms:** 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 with a White Coat is required for all students and should be observed (this includes when 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.
2. **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.
3. **Preceptor Dress:** is generally defined as dress pants, dress shirts and tie for men, and conservative length skirts/dresses, dress pants and dress tops for women. In all cases, footwear should be closed toed and appropriate for clinical or laboratory activities.
4. **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.



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5. **Clinical Skills Lab Dress:** are clothes that will facilitate your partner's learning. Appropriate lab attire includes a hospital gown over shorts or thin, loose-fitting sweat pants, and tee-shirts with appropriate undergarments. No jeans, corduroys, skirts/dresses, heavy shirts/sweaters or overly exposing attire is acceptable. Additional removable layers of clothing are acceptable.

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. In addition, this violation can be brought to the attention of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (ADAA) and/or the Associate Dean for Recruitment, Students, and Alumni Services (RSAS), and the individual in violation of the dress code may be brought in for further discussion of the policy.

The UNE COM Osteopathic Medical School Dress Code Policy was reviewed by the COM CAC Administrative Curricular Policy Sub-Committee on June 5, 2017 and was approved at the COM CAC on June 14, 2017.