

	Student Dress Code Policy	Effective Date:	February 7, 2017
		Current Date:	April 16, 2019
		Contact:	Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
Approved By: Student Affairs Committee - February 7, 2017 <i>(Professionalism and Promotions Committee)</i>		Date Approved:	February 7, 2017

1) GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

Professional attire inspires confidence among patients and helps to reinforce the doctor-patient bond. Patients expect that their doctors will be dressed professionally, so now is the time to adapt to this reasonable expectation. Any student not conforming to these guidelines will not be allowed to enter the patient's/SP's exam room. Students whose religious or cultural customs may conflict with certain aspects of this dress code should speak with the Office of Student Affairs.

- a) **Scope:** All students admitted to the Tulane University School of Medicine.
- b) **Responsible Department/Party/Parties:**
 - i. **Policy Owner:** Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
 - ii. **Procedure:** Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
 - iii. **Supervision:** Dean's Office

2) DEFINITIONS

N/A

3) POLICY GUIDELINES

- 1) No flip-flops or crocs.
- 2) No plunging necklines or visible body cleavage/undergarments.
- 3) No shorts, cut-offs, or skirts that are shorter than student's white coat. When seated, skirts should cover at least to the mid-thigh.
- 4) No fading, holes, dragging or frayed cuffs on trousers/slacks. Blue jeans are NOT acceptable. Professional-appearing trousers or slacks of full-length should be worn.
- 5) No t-shirts or shirts with slogans, stains, tears. A collared shirt for men and a conservative shirt/blouse for women is expected. For gentlemen, a tie is highly recommended but not mandatory. Ties should be clean and well-fitted.
- 6) A clean white coat must be worn. Your Tulane I.D. badge should be visible.
- 7) Body art should not be visible.

- 8) Fingernails should be trimmed, clean, and not flamboyantly decorated/painted.
- 9) Hair should be clean and neat; if long, it should not interfere with the exam (hair should not touch patient). Facial hair should be neatly trimmed.
- 10) Earrings and other body piercings should not be bizarre or distracting. Tongue rings are not allowed.
- 11) Cell phone use of any kind is not permitted while interviewing/examining patients.

4) REVIEW/REVISION/IMPLEMENTATION

- a) Review Cycle: This policy shall be reviewed by the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs annually from the effective date.
- b) Office of Record: After authorization, the Dean's Office (Office of Admissions and Student Affairs) shall be the office of record for this policy.

5) RELATED POLICIES

N/A

6) GOVERNING LAW OR REGULATIONS

N/A

7) ATTACHMENTS

N/A