

Clinical Skills Course Dress Code 2008-09

With every profession there are expectations. As OU-COM students prepare for life as an osteopathic medical professional, the Clinical Skills Lab Dress Code highlights the extent to which personal appearance is part of those expectations.

FOR LEARNING ACTIVITIES IN WHICH STUDENTS ENCOUNTER SIMULATED / STANDARDIZED OR REAL PATIENTS

Students will maintain an appearance that reflects the professional image of students of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and is suitable for patient encounters. More specifically, this means that:

- Photo identification badges and short, white coats must be worn (unless the community agency requests that lab coats not be worn. This information is available on Blackboard, in the CCE portion, in community agency information).
- White coats must be clean, pressed, and in good repair.
- Extremes in apparel, jewelry, and cosmetics will be avoided.
- For males, pressed dress slacks, dress shirt with a collar are appropriate.
- For females, dresses and outfits with blouse and dress slacks or skirt are appropriate. Skirt length should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- Sleeveless, low-cut, midriff-baring, strapless, see-through, or otherwise revealing clothing is NOT acceptable.
- Closed-toe walking or dress shoes are required. Socks or hose are recommended. Tennis or other exercise type shoes are NOT acceptable.
- Earrings should be limited to two per ear and not call attention to themselves.
- Facial piercing (eyebrow, lip, etc) is discouraged.
- Use of makeup should be minimal.
- Hair should be neatly groomed. Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be drawn back and secured. Student doctors will refrain from unusual hair styles and colors. Facial hair must be neatly groomed.
- Fingernails should not be visible from the palm side of the hands. The use of nail polish is discouraged.
- Body art and tattoos should not be visible.
- Use of perfumes or colognes is discouraged.