

# **Pepperdine University, College of Health Science**

## **Laboratory and Clinical Site Dress Code**

Pepperdine University College of Health Science has defined appropriate professional attire for students. The attire for clinical and laboratory settings is listed below and is in line with those of our clinical affiliates. This dress code accommodates cultural and ethnic traditions, and emphasizes personal hygiene and patient comfort. Personal hygiene is important and student hygiene should not cause discomfort for patients or colleagues. Before entering a clinical training site each student is responsible to determine the specific dress code at that site.

### **Policy**

#### White Coat & Name Tag

- Students are required to wear a clean, short white coat embroidered with the appropriate Pepperdine University School unless specifically instructed otherwise at the clinical site.
- Identification/name tag is required and must always be visible

#### Clinical and Academic Attire

- Personal attire should be clean and businesslike.
- Professional dress may include the following: collared shirts, dress shirts, sweaters, blouses, vests and sports coats or blazers, dress slacks, skirts, dresses, or other knee-length garments.
- No jeans or cargo pants, or shorts. Exceptions for shorts and other attire will be granted for physical examination laboratories. Students should consult their program's Student Handbook for more details.
- Leggings can be worn with skirts, dresses, or knee-length garments.
- Necklines, hemlines, and fit should be conservative; skirts, dresses, and knee-length garments should be at or just above the knee. No bare midriff.
- Shoes must be OSHA standard closed-toe footwear. Shoes must be clean.
- Clean sneakers are acceptable only when wearing scrubs.
- Nails should be natural, short and clean.
- Jewelry and facial hair should be in accordance with the care environment.
- Perfume or cologne should not be worn in any clinical setting.
- Head coverings are not allowed except for religious or medical reasons.

#### Scrubs

- Scrubs are permitted in all settings, including academic, laboratory, and clinical.
- Scrubs are to be changed daily and immediately when soiled.  
Solid colored white, gray, or orange long-sleeve t-shirts may be worn under scrub tops.  
Otherwise, street clothing should not be visible under scrubs.

- Scrubs should be changed in appropriate changing locations
- Students must wear Pepperdine University approved scrubs unless otherwise instructed by the policy/guidelines of the clinical site.

#### Conduct statement

Unacceptable attire will result in the supervising faculty addressing the matter with the student. The clinical site retains the authority to refuse the student access to the learning experience based on inappropriate attire. Failure to comply with the dress guidelines may be considered a lapse in professionalism and may result in consequences for the student under the College of Health Science Professionalism Policy.