



MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM DRESS CODE

OHNI students, volunteers, staff, and practitioners place a high value on personal appearance, including attire. This document includes standards for dress and appearance necessary to meet the service and safety objectives of placing patient welfare first and the educational objectives of preparing the student to assume the role of a professional health care worker. Patient trust and confidence in the health care provider are essential to successful treatment experiences and outcomes. The message communicated by the caregiver by his/her dress and appearance plays a fundamental role in establishing this trust and confidence.

Students should consider the cultural sensitivities of their most conservative potential patients and present themselves in a manner that will earn the patient's respect, ensure their trust, and make them feel comfortable. Recent trends in clothing, body art, and body piercing may not be generally accepted by your patients, and should not be worn by students.

General Standards

- Name badges identifying you as a student will be provided and must be worn at all times. Badges must be clearly visible to those with whom you are interacting.
 - There is research that suggests wearing the name badge on you right allows the person you are meeting to read your name as you extend your right hand for a handshake.
- Good personal hygiene is to be maintained at all times. This includes regular bathing, use of deodorants/antiperspirants, and regular dental hygiene.
- Avoid distracting perfumes or colognes which may precipitate allergies or sensitivities.
- Cosmetics should be used in moderation.

Hair Maintenance

- Hair should be neat and clean.
- Hair should be styled off the face and out of the eyes.
- Beards/mustaches must be neatly groomed.

Jewelry/Body Art

- Keep jewelry at a minimum.
- The following are permitted: a watch, one ring, small earrings (large earrings are distracting and may be pulled through the ear), academic pin/s, and a necklace.
- Body piercing ornaments and earrings worn in other visible exterior parts of the body, other than the ear are not permissible
- No visible tattoos are permitted. Any existing tattoos must be covered or concealed.

Dress, Shoes, and Hand Care

- Clothing should be clean, professionally styled and in good repair.
- Men: tailored slacks, dress shirt and necktie is appropriate attire.
- Women: Dresses, skirts of medium length, tailored slacks, shirt or blouse is appropriate attire.
- Dress shoes must be comfortable, clean and in good repair. Shoes should be worn with dress socks or tights.
- White coats should be neatly pressed and clean.
- Fingernails should be clean and of short to medium length. Muted tones of nail polish are appropriate for women. No artificial, distracting, or embellished nails.

The Following Items Are Specifically Prohibited In The Hospital Or Clinic Situations

- Sandals or open toed shoes, high-heeled or canvas shoes.
- Crop tops, tee shirts, halter, translucent or transparent tops, or tops with plunging necklines, tank tops or sweatshirts.
- Buttons or large pins.
- Leggings, jeans style or colored denim pants, shorts, bermudas, stretch tights or athletic clothing (sweats or jogging outfits) are not appropriate.
- Caps, hats, or visors.

Exceptions to the dress code can be made for medical or religious reasons and are approved on a case-by-case basis.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the dress code as stated above. I further acknowledge that deviation from the student dress code is grounds for disciplinary action including but not limited to parental and/or school notification as well as dismissal from the Medical Scholars Program.

Student Signature

Date

Print Name

Parent Signature

Date

Print Name