

## University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

### Professional Dress and Appearance Code

The overarching principles with respect to dress and appearance are that the fields of pharmacy and health care are fairly conservative professions. Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS) students will be required to meet professional dress and appearance standards for some required coursework and for all curricular and extra-curricular (i.e., associated with the school's student organizations) experiential, community and hospital site visits. It is important to note that students may not be able to be placed into required practice experiences if they are not able to meet the standards of the site. This may impact a student's ability to progress and graduate from the program. The following parameters have been developed as a general guide; however, it is each student's responsibility to understand and adhere to the guidelines associated with a specific situation or site.

#### LAB COATS

A short (hip-length) white lab coat with long sleeves is required. Any CU logos must be compliant with campus and university standards; non-CU SSPPS logos and badges are not permitted.

#### PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE

Male Students should wear: nicely pressed collared dress shirts, buttoned to the top button and tucked in at the waist, with a standard, bolo or bow tie. Ties should be tied properly not hanging loosely around the neck. Inappropriate ties are not acceptable. Business styled slacks (dress corduroy is permissible). Slacks should fit properly at the waist, undergarments should not be visible above the waistline of the slacks.

Female Students should wear: nicely pressed business styled pants; the garment must be long enough to cover the mid-calf. Business dresses, skirts and split skirts not more than two inches above the knee. Jean skirt or dress is permitted. Feet and legs should be covered by hosiery when the hem length of clothing is above the knee and should be appropriate to the clothing worn. Business styled shirts, blouses, sleeveless blouse or sweaters.

Inappropriate apparel includes: wrinkled, dirty or torn clothing, baseball caps, flip flops, tight-fitting leggings/stirrup pants, spandex, any kind or color of jeans, shorts, tee-shirts, short shirts, any type of sweat pants or sweat shirts, short skirts or revealing tops or pants (i.e., exposed shoulders, stomach, midriff, cleavage or buttocks), halter tops, tank tops, back-less tops or fatigues.

#### FOOTWEAR

Student should wear professional looking shoes, boots or dress sandals. Footwear should be safe, clean and in good repair. In some settings, open toed-shoes are not permitted.

#### HAIR

Hair should be clean and well groomed; with no extreme hairstyles or exotic hair colors. Beards, mustaches and sideburns must be neat, trimmed and well groomed. Please Note: If your hair style or color is considered extreme you may be asked to change it before you can complete curriculum requirements.

#### HYGIENE

Appearance should be neat and clean with a professional image. Body odor, bad breath and cigarette smoke, etc. are offensive to patients and co-workers. Necessary steps should be taken to prevent these problems. Fingernails are to be

clean and of a normal length. Common sense and moderation should be employed in the application of fragrances, cosmetics, etc., with some settings prohibiting the use of any fragrance.

### **JEWELRY**

Students should limit jewelry such that it does not come in contact with patients or customers or interfere with machinery or equipment. All facial, tongue, and visible body piercings must be removed while on duty, with the exception of earrings (limit 2 in each ear). Please Note: gauged piercings, even if removed, may be prohibited at certain sites and may prevent a student from completing curriculum requirements.

### **BODY ART (Tattoos)**

Students are required to cover tattoos with appropriate coverings in order to create a non-threatening professional environment for patients and visitors. Coverings typically include wearing collared or long sleeve shirts, etc. Please Note: Inability to properly cover tattoos, branding or other body art may prevent you from completing curriculum requirements.

### **IDENTIFICATION BADGE (Student ID)**

An unaltered Student Identification Badge must be on your person and remain visible while on campus and at your experiential site. In some settings, this may also include a name badge with intern license number. Badges should be worn above the waist or chest-high, either clipped to clothing or around the neck.

### **RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY**

SSPPS recognizes religious diversity. Exceptions to this policy will be reviewed on a case by case basis upon reasonable advance request by an applicant or student.