



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF DRESS

The following are required of all students matriculating at SUNY Optometry

Minimal Standards for Dress:

Individuals are expected to be neat, clean, and well groomed at all times. Hair must be clean and demonstrate evidence of good grooming and styling. Beards and moustaches, when neat and groomed are permitted. Sport and dress shirts, appropriately buttoned, are permissible in class and laboratories. (Please refer to the section on Standards for the Clinic for dress standards for lab sections that meet on the clinic floors.) Tank tops, surfer shirts, and similar type shirts are not acceptable. T-shirts sweaters and sweatshirts are permissible. Logos, pictures or printed material visible on any article of clothing should be in good taste. Trousers, including denim pants, sweatpants and/or athletic pants should not be torn, cut, frayed, or patched and should appear neat and clean. Denim pants are permissible, but follow the same criteria. Sweat shorts, denim shorts, cutoffs, leggings, or athletic shorts are not permissible. Dress shorts, of appropriate length, are permissible. Skirts and dresses worn must be of appropriate length, and in good taste. Shoes, sneakers, dress sandals must be worn at all times and are to be clean. Standards are in effect any time students are in the building. Attire should remain in good taste and in keeping with a professional school.

Personal Appearance Standards for Health Care Providers in the University Eye Center:

It is the policy of the University Eye Center (UEC) that all health care providers (including residents and students) present a neat, clean and professional appearance at all times. All healthcare providers and students will therefore abide by the following standards:

1. Personal Cleanliness:

a. Health care employees are often physically close to both patients and co-workers. This makes personal hygiene and grooming habits of particular importance. You must demonstrate a professional appearance and practice good grooming and hygiene at all times.

2. Clothing:

Clothing worn to work must reflect professional status, and allow for the full performance of all duties. Although clothing style is a personal choice, the following guidelines will be in effect when you are working within the UEC:

1. All items of clothing must be neat, clean, and properly laundered, dry cleaned or pressed. Inappropriate items include T-shirts, sweat pants/shorts, jeans, torn/frayed clothing, low-back or back-less tops or dresses, tank tops, hats, head scarfs, and other non-religious head gear. Wearing jewelry is appropriate as long as it does not interfere with patient care.
2. Shoes must be closed-toe and clean, polished and in good repair. Sneakers are not appropriate.
3. Laboratory coats/jackets are to be worn by all health care providers and students and should be neat and clean.
4. Men must wear slacks, dress shirts and ties and women will wear slacks, skirts, or dresses as defined in item 2-A-1 above. For both men and women, the clothing should not be revealing.

3. Other Personal Habits:

- a. You should refrain from chewing gum when dealing directly with the public or with patients.
- b. Eating or drinking is prohibited in patient care/public areas.

4. Identification Tags:

- a. Your employee identification name badge must be worn in patient care areas at all times.

The requirements listed above are not all-encompassing. Circumstances may arise which are not covered by this policy. Any decision on the interpretation of this policy is at the discretion of your supervisor, your clinical instructor, the Service Chief, the Chief of Staff or the VP of Clinical Affairs.

In addition to the above, the following items are not permitted:

Denim clothing or similarly casual fabric, skirts and pants with cargo pockets and Capri's or cropped pants.

Failure to comply with these standards will result in a grade of "failure". Inappropriately attired individuals are also subject to dismissal from clinic and charged with an unexcused absence.