

Dress Code

Student pharmacists of the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy are representatives of the School and the conduct and personal appearance of a student pharmacist reflects how colleagues, patients, and the community view the student pharmacist, the program, and ultimately the pharmacy profession. Attire and behavior should promote a positive impression for the individual student pharmacist and should prioritize the interests of those being served above one's own. Specific dress requirements may be set by various institutions and practice sites. These requirements typically will be included in written course materials; however, it is the responsibility of the student pharmacist to inquire about the dress code. Furthermore, a student pharmacist who is in a professional program, and engaged in patient contact must keep in mind that members of the professional community are obligated to maintain an acceptable professional standard.

Lab coats and professional attire are representative of your professional career and are expected to be clean, neat, and the appropriate size. The recommended dress for male student pharmacist is shirts, ties, and pants. Female student pharmacist should wear dresses or skirts of knee length or longer or dress pants and blouses. However if you are attending class at the school these guidelines may be more relaxed. Classes, institutions, and practice settings may have additional guidelines that should be followed.

All student pharmacists must conform to the following guidelines during IPPEs and APPEs, PY4 seminar course and at professional events where they are representing the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy:

- Student pharmacists must wear a neat, clean short white lab jacket with a University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy name tag.
- Student pharmacists must wear appropriate business attire.
- Female student pharmacists must wear skirts, dresses, or dress slacks with appropriate close-toed business dress shoes.
- Nails: Should be clean and well-manicured and of a length that will not interfere with the duties of a pharmacist. If color is worn it should be conservative in color.
- Male student pharmacists must wear dress slacks, dress shirts and ties, socks and appropriate business dress shoes.
- Blue jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, T-shirts, etc. are inappropriate dress and are not allowed. Hospital scrubs are not permissible unless explicitly allowed by the preceptor in defined areas of the clinical site.
- All student pharmacists must maintain good personal hygiene at all times.

Additional Dress Code Guidelines:

- Jewelry and perfume/cologne should be worn at a minimum or not at all.
- Earrings should be worn in a professional manner and are limited to one to two per ear. With the exception of ear piercing, there will be no visible body piercing, including but not limited to tongue piercing, nose piercing, and eyebrow rings/bars.
- Unusual hair coloring or style should be avoided. Hair should be clean, well groomed, and worn in such a manner that it presents a professional image.
- Facial hair must be trimmed and kept clean.
- Hats are not allowed.
- Women may wear make-up in moderation.
- Visible tattoos should be avoided.
- Close-toed, non-skid shoes of low or moderate heel are recommended.
- Gum chewing should be avoided during clinical activities.

Notes

Practice sites may have additional dress requirements that must be adhered to while on rotation (e.g., no skirts or dresses above the knee, hospital identification tag to wear). Therefore, check with your preceptor before the first day of rotation to see if there are any special requirements. Rotation site dress code overrides the above Experiential Education Program dress code.

Examples of inappropriate dress include, but are not limited to the following: facial piercing with jewelry (nose ring, tongue ring, eyebrow ring, etc.), clothing that exposes the midriff, leather skirts/pants, clothing with frayed hems.