

# MLS HANDBOOK: DRESS CODE

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## SA 6.0: Dress Code

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### PURPOSE

To ensure each student is attired in a manner that complies with safety requirements and will present a professional appearance to the patient, visitor, medical staff, and hospital personnel.

### AFFILIATED HOSPITAL GUIDELINES

Each student shall comply with the dress code, identification badge policy, and safety codes of the affiliated hospital to which they are assigned. The dress code requires that each student be clean and well groomed. Scrubs are acceptable if approved by the hospital laboratory.

### ATTIRE

A student may choose either of the following options:

1. Appropriate street wear covered by a laboratory coat that meets all regulatory requirements. Appropriate street wear includes dress slacks, shirts, pantsuits, or dresses. Low-heeled, closed toed shoes with hose or socks are required. When in the laboratory and PPE is worn, the only allowed exposed skin is above the neck. Unacceptable forms of dress include denim or denim-like pants/skirts, shorts, T-shirts, low necklines, bare backs, and sandals.
2. Scrubs covered by a laboratory coat that meets all regulatory requirements. Low-heeled, closed toed shoes with hose or socks are required.

### APPEARANCE

Personal cleanliness is required of those who work in hospitals. Fresh, clean clothes and shoes are essential. Hair shall be neatly groomed and secured so that it does not fall freely when moving the head. Any loose clothing (e.g., scarves) must be secured under the lab coat. All cosmetics, perfumes, aftershave lotions, and jewelry shall be conservative. Avoid wearing strong scents that others may be sensitive.

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