

 Wake Forest® School of Medicine	Dress Code Policy for Medical Students	Type:	Tier 2
		Original Effective Date:	07/01/14
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		Contact:	Undergraduate Medical Education – Academic Affairs & Student Affairs
Review Cycle/Responsibility: This policy shall be reviewed by the Senior Associate Dean for Healthcare Education and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs at least annually from the effective date prior to signature. This policy will be presented as information only to the Undergraduate Medical Education Committee (UMECC) on an annual basis.			
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The Dress Code Policy requires students to comply with the following requirements:

- Clothing should be clean, neat, properly fitting, and not excessively worn.
- Revealing, tight-fitting, or otherwise provocative clothing should not be worn. Specifically, short skirts, low neck lines, and any amount of exposed midriff are inappropriate.
- Visibly wear your WFSM identification at all times. Do not use items to cover your name or face.
- Scrubs are generally intended for procedurally-based specialties or when spending the entire night in the hospital. They still should be clean and fit appropriately.
- Body odor and heavy scents are not allowed. No perfumes, colognes, or aftershave should be worn in the clinical setting as per WFBH institutional policy.
- Nails should be kept neat and trimmed per OSHA requirements

Additional policy guidelines specific to patient care areas, standardized patient (SP) assessments, and observed structured clinical evaluations (OSCEs):

- Collared shirts for gentlemen. No T-shirts of any type should be worn as an outer garment. If a T-shirt is worn under scrubs, it should not have a visible logo or slogan on it
- Blue jeans or shorts are never acceptable.
- Closed-toe shoes are required in the Emergency Department, Operating Room, Labor and Delivery, and other areas where there is a high risk of blood, body fluid, or sharp exposure. Flip flops are never acceptable. Shoes should not be excessively worn or soiled.
- A white lab coat should be white, clean and not torn.
- Hair should be clean and neatly cut.
- An unshaven appearance is unprofessional, so shave daily. Beards and mustaches should be clean and neatly trimmed.
- Facial piercings are inconsistent with most patients' expectations of professional appearance (*J Gen Intern Med.* 2005;20:312-313) and hence are discouraged.
- Religious-based exceptions to any of the above will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.