

College of Pharmacy  
**STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE**

The following Standards of Professional Attire will be in effect as of January 2006 and apply to all students enrolled in The University of Louisiana at Monroe College of Pharmacy.

These standards should be followed during all hours in which the College is open to the public (generally 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday).

**General Personal Care Standards:**

1. Adequate precautions should be taken to maintain good personal hygiene. These precautions include regular bathing, use of deodorants and regular dental hygiene.
2. Hair maintenance: neat and clean, styled off the face and out of the eyes. Hair longer than shoulder length should be secured. Beards and mustaches should be clean and well groomed.
3. Other personal care considerations:
  - Cologne, perfume or aftershave is not recommended in the patient care setting due to patient allergies and sensitivities.
  - Cosmetics should be used in moderation.
  - Nails should be well groomed, manicured and of short to medium length to facilitate patient care activities.
  - Jewelry and accessories should be non-distracting.
  - Tattoos must be covered by clothing.
  - Jewelry in pierced noses, lips, tongues or other exposed body areas, other than ears is not permitted.

**Appropriate Attire Standards for Routine College of Pharmacy Attendance:**

1. Attire: Clean, business casual styled clothing and shoes.
  - Shirts with a tail or a split should be tucked in.
  - Belts should be worn with all pants that have belt loops.
  - An undershirt should be worn if undergarments are visible through clothing.
  - Skirts should be no shorter than one inch above the knee when sitting.
  - Sleeveless shirts only, not Spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops, showing of mid-drift, or low cut tops.
  - Organization-Branded Jerseys (NOT PARTY/ EVENT T-SHIRTS) can be worn on meeting days only.
  - If an employer requires a student to do so, the student may wear a scrub uniform to school. This must include Scrub tops and bottoms with an undershirt and employer identification badge. Routine wearing of scrubs is prohibited.
  - Fleece JACKETS are acceptable dress when weather permits, not pullovers with a collar or sweatshirts.
  - Dress Capri pants can be worn.
  - Dress sandals can be worn.

2. Items specifically not permitted under any condition:
  - Hats or caps (except headgear considered a part of religious or cultural dress).
  - Denim clothing or jeans of any color.
  - Shorts, cargo pants, culottes, skorts or mini-skirts.
  - Sweatpants, sweatshirts, non-collared T-shirts or T-shirts with lettering, or mid-drift tops (business casual styled turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks may be worn).
  - Athletic shoes, casual sandals, and “Flip-Flops.”
  - Absolutely NO Pajamas.
  
3. Casual Day – Friday Attire & Finals Week:
  - College of Pharmacy T- shirts are acceptable, provided they are tucked in and do not contain any crude messages.
  - Athletic shoes may be worn. (Flip-Flops are NOT acceptable)
  - Jeans are acceptable dress. This excludes jeans that are frayed, torn, dirt-washed (looks dirty when bought), or lack a hem line at the bottom of the pant leg.
  - Belts must be worn with pants.

**Exceptions:**

1. After Hours and Weekend Attire: Students should dress neatly at all times while in the Pharmacy Building. Care should be taken not to wear clothing that might be deemed inappropriate for a professional.
2. Activities in specific laboratories and patient areas in which the instructors or institutional policy requires certain dress supercedes this policy.
3. Any medical conditions that inhibit adherence should be discussed with the Office of Student and Professional Affairs.

**Enforcement Standards:**

1. Standards of Attire are intended to be self-regulated. Please use your professional judgment in adhering to this dress code. Remember you are enrolled in a professional program and are considered a “Student Pharmacist.”
2. These Standards fall under the Code of Conduct for the College of Pharmacy.
3. Violations of the dress code should be reported to the Board of Ethical and Professional Conduct or Office of Student and Professional Affairs.
4. Students inappropriately dressed or groomed may be dismissed from classes or asked to leave the Building and requested to comply with the standards set forth in this document.
5. Violations may be brought before the Board of Ethical and Professional Conduct.
6. Repeated violations may result in dismissal from the program.