

# FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

# **DRESS CODE POLICY**

### PURPOSE

To ensure that proper dress attire and etiquette is observed and maintained within the School of Allied Health Sciences (SOAHS).

## AUTHORITY

SOAHS Division-specific student handbooks and policy manuals University Student Handbook Fang - page 85 – Dress Standards University Regulations: 2.012 – Student Code of Conduct, Fang page 61 University Regulations: 2.013 – Due Process, Other Rights and Responsibilities, Fang - page 50

#### DEFINITION

Dress code is defined as the act of wearing clothing, hair style or shoes which do not conform to the professional standards as outlined in the School or division student handbook or the standards outlined as part of the requirement of an accreditation authority. This dress code is intended to contribute to the overall professional development of the students in the School. The purpose of this code is to make the student aware that there is a standard of professional dress that should be adhered to in order for the student to have a more effective transition into the professional work place. In addition, the dress code seeks to improve the overall appearance of students enrolled in the SOAHS. This dress code is not designed to discourage current acceptable attire, but is intended to assist and encourage students who otherwise would not dress appropriately in an educational setting. Students should consult with instructors regarding questions about this code.

#### POLICY AND PROCEDURE

All students will be notified in person and given an opportunity to correct any infraction to the code.

Students are reminded that the SOAHS is a professional school and, as such, it is expected that students display an appropriate level of judgment with regard to personal hygiene, grooming and dress. At no time will the following items of clothing or clothing style be acceptable for students attending classes in the SOAHS.

- 1. Wearing hats, caps or other head wear in the building (unless for religious, cultural, ethnic or gender related reasons)\*
- 2. Wearing sunglasses in the building\*
- 3. Wearing fishnet and other see-through clothing
- 4. Crop tops and other bare midriff tops, including spaghetti strap blouses
- 5. Short shorts (exposure/visible portion of lower part of rear end)
- 6. Athletic type, wide armhole tank tops that expose chest, back or midsection
- 7. Any clothing with holes and cuts (i.e. jeans, shirts, tops, etc.)
- 8. Bare feet, thongs or flip flops (i.e. beach or shower shoes)
- 9. Suggestive, revealing or tight fitting clothing (i.e. leggings or jeggings) or clothing with inappropriate pictures or slogans
- 10. Pants worn below the waistline and/or dragging the floor
- 11. Wrinkled, dirty or unsafe attire
- 12. Extreme personal presentation of any type (i.e. body piercing, hair style or tattoos which do not meet current professional standards)
  - \* Unusual circumstances may alter this requirement.

The above dress code will be in place on a daily basis for all students in the pre-professional and professional level courses in SOAHS. A stricter code may be adopted by each division based on requirements for clinical and internship experientials. In addition, certain classes may have a specific dress code requirement, which will be outlined in the course syllabus. Students violating this code may be subject to dismissal from the class and may not be allowed to return until the violation is corrected.

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