

DRESS CODE, APPEARANCE, AND **SCRUB ATTIRE**

Students are expected to be in compliance with the following appearance and uniforms standards of the Stritch School of Medicine, which are in accord with the uniform policy of Loyola University Medical Center. *Students assigned to clinical sites other than LUMC are responsible for learning and following the clinical site's policies and procedures concerning scrub attire.*

General Dress Standards

Preclinical

- During the preclinical years, students are expected to dress appropriately in the academic, business, and clinical areas on campus.
- Shirt and shoes are required in educational, administrative, and clinical buildings and on the property that is adjacent to them. Gym clothes (except inside the Fitness Center), low cut tops, short shorts, and bathing suits are not suitable inside or outside of campus buildings.
- Closed toe shoes are required in laboratory areas for safety.

Clinical

- Students are expected to maintain a professional appearance in the clinical settings. Clothing should be business-like; necklines and hemlines should be conservative.
- Students should wear clean, pressed, well-fitting personal attire; undergarments should be worn.
- Daily hygiene must include clean body, teeth, and clothes; heavily scented fragrances should be avoided.
- Hair should be clean, well-groomed and tied back when engaging in patient care activities or operating machinery.
- Well-groomed beards, sideburns, mustaches are allowed, but may not interfere with personal protective face gear. Extreme cosmetic/make-up applications should be avoided.
- Nails should be well-manicured and polish color, if worn, should be conservative. Nail length should not interfere with clinical activities and safety of patients or staff.
- Body piercing, tattoos, and jewelry should be discreet; jewelry is not permitted in operating rooms.
- Shoes should be clean and in good condition; closed toe shoes are recommended for safety.
- T-shirts, cropped tops, very short skirts, spaghetti strap tops, flip flops, jeans, shorts, sweat shirts, and sweat pants are not acceptable.

Identification Badges

Students must wear a Loyola photo ID badge along with the Stritch student nametag on the vest pocket of their white coat. ID badges issued at other clinical teaching sites should be worn in addition to the Loyola ID when at the other clinical site.

White Coat

- Students should wear a clean, pressed, **short** white coat in clinical areas. Coats should be plain, white, with no embroidery above the vest pocket and an official LUMC patch may be sewn on the sleeve.
- A **long** white coat **must** be worn in lieu of a short coat at LUMC whenever green or blue scrub attire also is worn (*see Scrub Attire section*).

Scrub Attire

Students should arrive at the medical center campus in appropriate street clothing. Scrubs are not to be worn going in to or out of clinical areas, or between clinical areas and other campus buildings.

- Scrubs can be worn where performance of procedures is a major component of the patient care activities (i.e., operating rooms, trauma bay/emergency room, burn center, and surgical intensive care). Green, blue, and other colors of scrub attire must be restricted to the designated areas specified by the medical center. Students are expected to change from scrub attire as soon as possible when it is no longer necessary to wear such garb as a uniform.
- Scrub attire provided by the medical center is their property and must be returned immediately after use.
- After use, scrubs are not to be worn if they have bodily fluids on them. Scrubs should be changed **immediately** if they become contaminated.
- Scrubs worn outside of procedure areas are to be covered with a long lab coat that must remain buttoned at all times. Do not sit in the cafeteria or other areas with an unbuttoned lab coat if wearing scrubs.
- Surgical hats, booties, or masks are not to be worn outside of the operating room or procedure areas.