



Standards of Professional Dress for Professional Degree Programs

Please note that there may be additional guidelines within your department that need to be followed.

Professional appearance is an essential component of the professional degree programs. Appropriate professional attire fosters a sense of professionalism and civility within the College community and assists with creating an optimal learning environment for the diverse student populations of the Worcester and Manchester campuses.

Therefore, the students, faculty and staff of the professional programs of the Worcester and Manchester campuses have instituted the following standards of professional dress that each student is expected to adhere to while enrolled in their respective programs.

Failure to adhere to these professional standards will be considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and subject to adjudication within the College's discipline process. Significant departures from conventional dress or personal grooming are not permitted.

Professional Dress Standards On Campus: Neat, Clean and Presentable

- White Coats must be worn at all times while in class rooms, lecture halls, library, labs, offices, and corridors. (White Coats are not required in Student Lounges.)
- The wearing of hats or non-religious head gear is not permitted while on campus.
- Shirts with collars recommended, clean and neat t-shirts are permitted. MCPHS and non-offensive logos permitted on t-shirts.
- Casual slacks or skirts recommended, clean and neat jeans permitted.
- Blouses and knit tops with collars recommended clean and neat t-shirts permitted. MCPHS and non-offensive logos permitted on t-shirts.
- Clothing must cover midriff
- Open-toed shoes (Female) and Dress sandals permitted.
- The wearing of beach footwear and shower shoes (flip-flops) is not permitted.
- The wearing of shorts is not permitted.
- Skirt hems must be longer than the length of the white coats.
- Clean, neat hair and good personal hygiene

Clinical: Neat, Clean and Business Casual

- White coats and name badges mandatory
- All academic department guidelines take precedence (nursing uniforms, etc.)
- Site-specific requirements take precedence
- Shirts and ties (men), clean slacks/skirts, blouses and tops required
- Well-maintained footwear as required by site; open toed shoes not permitted (safety issue)
- Clean, neat hair and good personal hygiene
- Slippers are not allowed

If for medical reasons a student is unable to fulfill the dress requirements, the student must request an appointment with the Dean of Students to request a policy waiver. Appropriate documentation or justification will be required.

Policy Adherence

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is a community of professionals and scholars. As such students are responsible for encouraging colleagues to adhere to the established guidelines set forth in this policy and all policies associated with the MCPHS community and professional programs. All faculty and staff will assist the students' self-governance process by reinforcing the established standards of community conduct. Failure to adhere to all the established policies may result in the implementation of the College's discipline process.