



Dress Code Policy

Office of Accountability:	Associate Dean, MD Program, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry
Office of Administrative Responsibility:	MD Program
Approver:	MD Curriculum & Program Committee
Scope:	Compliance with this policy extends to all members of the MD Program community.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Dress Code Policy is to identify the MD Program standards for professional attire and ensure those standards are met by medical students in classroom and clinical settings (pre-clerkship clinical experiences, clerkship rotations, and clinical electives). The policy also seeks to ensure that student attire does not pose a health or safety risk to others (patients, students, or staff).

POLICY

Students will wear attire deemed to meet the professional expectations and safety requirements of the MD Program, Alberta Health Services, and any other setting. Students are expected, where appropriate, to follow the policies and procedures of individual departments, units, or services that have specific dress code requirements.

Pre-Clerkship / Classroom Learning

- Attire for routine classroom-based learning in years 1 and 2 is casual
- In clinical environments or scenarios, business casual attire is required
- Avoid scented products or perfumes

Anatomy Lab

- Scrubs or respectful informal clothing is allowed (AHS scrubs not permitted)
- A long white lab coat and student ID must be worn at all times



- Open-toed shoes are not permitted
- No latex gloves to be worn in transit to or out of the dissection lab

Pre-Clerkship Clinical Experiences / Clerkship Rotations / Clinical Electives

- Students may be required to wear a clean, short white clinical coat
- Students are required to wear their hospital ID
- Business casual attire or scrubs are appropriate in these environments
- Open toed shoes are not permitted
- Avoid scented products or perfumes
- Individual sites for clinical experiences (departments, units, services) may have specific dress code requirements. Students are expected to follow these specific policies and procedures.

DEFINITIONS

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use.	
Alberta Health Services (AHS)	AHS doesn't have a corporate dress code. Generally we expect that students are clean and appropriately dressed to complete the tasks and work expected of the placement safely and comfortably. Please ask the site hosting your placement if there are any particular dress code requirements or considerations at that site. (from: https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/careers/ahs-careers-stu-faq-placement.pdf)

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