



Dress Code for USA COM Medical Students:

USA COM students are expected to maintain standards of professional dress in all clinical learning environments. While some clerkships and facilities may provide separate guidance to be followed, the below dress code provided here should be used as a framework for students while working in USA Health Clinics, Hospitals, Clerkships and clinical skills sessions with standardized patients. USA COM students rotating at non USA Health facilities are to adhere to the published facility guidelines specific to that location. USA COM Student Physician badges are to be worn at all times during duty hours.

USA COM Clinical Scrub Uniform Guidelines:

The official scrubs for USA COM students who matriculated after 2020 are the Steel/Grey Landau scrubs and are available for purchase at SCRUBS by Zoghby's, 3170 Dauphin Street Suite A-B, Mobile, AL 36606 (251-316-7336 or 251-463-4612). These are to be kept neat and clean by the student and worn with the scrub top tucked into the pants. A solid colored (white, gray or black) crew neck T-shirt can be worn under the scrub top except during Surgery and OB-Gyn. Similar long sleeved crew neck tops are also acceptable during most rotations except those named.

Shoes worn with the scrub attire must be easily cleaned with a disinfectant wipe, be a solid color, and be closed toe. Mesh shoes cannot be worn. Socks should be worn with shoes for a professional appearance when in scrubs.

USA COM Business Attire:

Business attire in the professional arena includes dress pants, khakis, dress shirts, dresses, skirts and round neck blouses. Dresses and skirts should be a modest length which would be at least mid-thigh when seated. Ties may be required on certain services. Clothing which should not be worn in the clinical learning environment includes jeans, leggings, yoga pants, polo shirts, capri pants, or shirts with low necklines. Open toe shoes are prohibited.

USA COM Student Physician White Coat:

With the advent of COVID, USA COM students were not allowed to wear their white coats in the clinical learning environment. Although the hospitals and clinics will still continue to see patients with COVID and/or other infectious diseases, students are allowed to wear their white coats in the hospitals and clinics. Cleanliness of the white coat is to be maintained by the student and the coat should not be visibly dirty. USA COM supports our students in allowing each student to decide for themselves whether or not to wear the white coat. White coats should not be left visible in unattended cars. A fleece jacket though cannot take the place of a white coat. Microfleece jackets are prohibited in the USA Health hospitals and clinics.

Face Masks:

Face Masks are required to be worn by USA COM students at all times in all USA Health and non USA facilities. The N95 mask may be required to be worn in certain scenarios if the USA COM student is not fully vaccinated.

Grooming:

Due to close contact with patients, our USA COM students are asked to refrain from wearing heavily scented lotions, fragrances and colognes. Fingernails should be neatly trimmed and cleaned at all times. The length of a student's hair should not interfere with the ability to provide patient care. Hair longer than shoulder length should be pulled back and secured during encounters with patients or during procedures. Trimmed facial hair is acceptable. Head coverings worn respectfully for religious, medical or professional reasons or ones required by the Board of Health are acceptable. Jewelry should not interfere with patient examinations or procedures. Body piercings in the mouth and tongue which could interfere with the student's ability to communicate with the patient should be removed during duty hours.

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