

## **PAS Program Student Dress Code Policy**

1. While attending classes or laboratory sessions on the GVSU campus, students may express their personal choice in dress; however, choices should be appropriate for the setting.
  - a. Exposed cleavage (anterior or posterior) and exposed abdomen are NOT accepted as professional dress.
  - b. For practicums or other standardized patient experiences, professional dress and lab coats are required.
  - c. For Clinical Applications lab, the expectations are that clothing allows easy, unobstructed movement of the body and body parts and modest exposure of the body regions being studied for the purposes of observation, palpation, percussion, auscultation, and movement analysis. Any exceptions to this policy must be reviewed with the instructor of record.
  - d. Open-toed shoes or sandals are prohibited in labs.
2. All PAS students should comply with the following dress code in all clinical settings:
  - a. All PAS students must be clearly and continuously identified as students during clinical experiences by displaying the University-provided nametag picture ID at all times. All PAS students participating in a Hospital Community Experience must also wear a student observer badge/tag.
  - b. Students should wear a short lab jacket unless indicated otherwise.
  - c. Students should wear socks and shoes suitable for the clinical setting. No open-toed shoes should be worn in any healthcare setting.
  - d. Students should maintain nail hygiene appropriate to the clinical setting. It is recommended that PA students do not wear artificial nails and should keep natural nails less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long.
  - e. Students are recommended to avoid excessive jewelry that could interfere with patient care.
  - f. Students should wear their hair in a style that does not interfere with patient care.
  - g. Students are required to wear professional business attire. Students should be guided by the attire of their clinical preceptor and site. Students dressed inappropriately may be asked to leave the clinical site, which results in an unexcused absence.
  - h. Students should avoid fragrances.