



POLICY: Dress Code

While attending the PA Program, you represent the program, Bryant University, and the PA Profession. Bryant University PA students are expected to dress appropriately in both the didactic setting and at clinical sites.

Bryant University Physician Assistant students will be identifiable at ALL TIMES (didactic and clinical) by:

- Wearing the short white laboratory coat with Bryant University emblem patch worn on left breast pocket
- Wearing the Bryant University name pin worn above the left breast pocket.
- Wearing appropriate hospital or clinic provided badges, lanyards, and name tags.

All attire, including short white coats, are to be kept clean and pressed.

Didactic

Students shall wear business dress - casual attire while attending classes, participating in school related activities, and at any time while representing the program.

Examples of appropriate attire include:

- For women: blouses, sweaters, casual slacks, suits, knee-length or longer skirts, dresses.
- For men: Shirts with collars, casual slacks.
 - Blazers and ties are optional.

Examples of clothing not permitted include:

- Sneakers, open toed shoes, or flip-flops.
- Sweat suits, pajamas, beach wear and shorts.
- Outfits resulting in bare midriffs.
- Tee Shirts or Tank tops.
- Hats - unless when worn as part of medical treatment, religious or cultural observation.
- Jeans or leggings

Laboratory Activities

During didactic activities in the clinical laboratory space or the simulation center, the faculty may authorize Bryant University scrubs and white coats.

Dress Down Days

Faculty may authorize “dress-down” days (relaxed attire). This should only occur for purposes of rewarding excellent performance, fund-raising, or special occasions (holidays). Requests for such events should be forwarded to the faculty through the class leadership. Dress down attire should remain professional.

Supervised Clinical Practice Experiences

Students must follow the POLICY Dress Code, however SCPE specific policies regarding dress, attire, and identification may supersede those contained in this instruction. The following policies may not be superseded by SCPE-specific policy:

- All students in the clinical setting must be clearly identified as PA Students and must wear the Bryant University PA Program issued Name Tag.
- Students must wear designated hospital-issued identification badges at appropriate sites. Students should not wear hospital-issued or other university/facility-issued identification badges when not at the designated site.
- The Bryant issued short white coats emblazoned with the Bryant University logo/Bryant University PA Program logo should be worn at all times unless specifically prohibited/discouraged by the clinical site.
 - Students should wear Bryant PA Program issued scrubs when scrubs are required. During general surgery rotations students should wear hospital-issued scrubs. When leaving the OR, scrubs must be removed or covered with their Bryant white coat.
 - Students must return all hospital issued scrubs and property prior to departing the rotation.
- Students *must* always clearly identify themselves to both patients and staff as a PA Student.
 - Students should introduce themselves as PA Student (*Last Name*) from the Bryant University PA Program working with (*Preceptor Title & Name*).

Acrylic and gel fingernails/polishes are prohibited on clinical rotations.

Fragrances are prohibited on clinical rotations.

General

Students must follow basic hygiene practices.

Hair must be neat and clean.

Facial hair must be neat, clean, and well-trimmed.

Visible piercings should be limited to the earlobe and not distract from the professional environment

Any questions as to appropriate application should be directed to the Director of Clinical Education.

Departures from conventional dress or personal grooming are not permitted.

Students who fail to meet these standards may be denied access to didactic and clinical settings.

Standard B3.01 PA students must be clearly identified in the clinical setting to distinguish them from physicians, medical students, and other health profession students and graduates.

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