

ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE CODE

PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE

As a member of the allied health professional staff at USC, students are required to maintain a professional and appropriate appearance. This is a necessary measure to present a professional image to our USC faculty, staff, and students, as well as maintaining a positive public image for the AT Program and profession. It is the student's responsibility to be in appropriate dress at all times when working. Clothing available through the University of South Carolina AT Program but is not required to purchase. You can purchase non-logo clothing on your own.

All AT Program members will be provided with a nametag to be worn in all clinical education experiences. Athletic training students will not be allowed to participate in clinical education experiences without an AT Program issued nametag. Replacement nametags will be available to students for \$30.00 apiece.

** At no time will a student's absence or tardy report for athletic training duties be excused for a student being dismissed for inappropriate dress.*

PROPER ATTIRE FOR AT PROGRAM CLINICAL OR LABORATORY BASED COURSES

Athletic training students must have appropriate clothing for all courses that are clinical or lab-based. This typically includes clothing designed for physical activity. This is the only setting where t-shirts and mesh shorts are allowed and required. **NO JEANS, STUDED CLOTHING, or SHOES** are permitted on any AT Program Evaluation/Educational Surface. Students are also not permitted to wear stretch pants/shorts only in these courses. Improper clothing can result in an unexcused absence in that course. Locker rooms are available at the Blatt for changing before and after courses.

PROPER ATTIRE FOR COLLEGIATE EVENTS (GAMES, MATCHES & MEETS)

- USC (or Plain) Athletic Training collared shirt. Shirts must be tucked in at all times and no rolled up sleeves
- Flat-bottomed shoes (no open-toed shoes)
- Socks
- Shorts or pants in one of the following colors: black or khaki.
- Shorts must be at least fingertip length.
- Students must adhere to the dress code mandated by their individual preceptor and/or coaching staff (Indoor/court sports may require business casual dress).

PROPER ATTIRE FOR COLLEGIATE PRACTICES

- USC (or Plain) collared shirt or t-shirt (No "Cocks" and no rolled up sleeves)
- Flat-bottomed shoes (no open-toed shoes)
- Socks
- Shorts or pants in one of the following colors: garnet, black, gray, khaki
- Shorts must be at least fingertip length.

PROPER ATTIRE FOR ALLIED HEALTH SITES (PHYSICIAN OFFICES, PT CLINICS)

- Business Casual attire only (no shorts)
- No open-toed shoes

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR APPEARANCE AT ANY USC AT PROGRAM CLINICAL SITE

- No more than 2 earrings in each ear (no dangling earrings)
- Tattoos covered at all times
- Facial jewelry must be removed at all times (ie. lips, nose, eyebrow, and tongue)
- Any natural hair color is acceptable
- All students should be well groomed
- Long hair must be tied back at all times
- Fingernails must be well groomed and kept at an appropriate length
- No acrylic nails
- No hats inside the athletic training clinic (Outside: hats must be worn visor forward)
- No blue jeans
- If belt loops are present, belt is required
- Pants will be worn in an appropriate and neat manner (waist of pants will be on the person's waist, no cut off bottoms, or excess amounts of holes, etc).
- Hairstyles should be neat and maintained.
- For males, facial hair must be kept neatly trimmed. Make it a point to be cleanly shaven (no stubble), especially at athletic events, physicals, or on doctor visits.
- Females with long hair, it must be pulled back/put up in a neat and functional fashion

** Collared shirts, t-shirts, and other apparel are usually ordered at the beginning of each semester through SCATSA.*



THE FOLLOWING LIST INCLUDES SOME, BUT NOT ALL, EXAMPLES OF INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE OR APPEARANCE

PROHIBITED COMMUNICATION DEVICES

- Cell phones, pagers, Bluetooth devices, iPods, PDAs, and other wireless communication devices are **NOT** to be used during clinical rotations.
- Any cell phone, pager, Bluetooth device, iPod, PDA, or other wireless communication device should be **OFF** or in **SILENT MODE** and **NOT VISIBLE** during all clinical rotations.

PROHIBITED SHIRTS (TOPS)

- No t-shirts
- No Greek logos
- No alcohol or tobacco advertising or logos
- No logos from any other College or University
- No logos from different sports (wearing soccer clothing to volleyball rotation)
- No sleeveless shirts
- No stretch shirts
- No shirts with holes/rips, stains, or wrinkles

PROHIBITED PANTS/SHORTS (BOTTOMS)

- No jeans (NEVER APPROPRIATE)
- No sweatpants
- No low rise pants/shorts, including khaki pants (low rise = waistband that falls below the ASIS)
- No stretch pants/shorts
- No pants with holes/rips, fraying, stains, or wrinkles
- No mesh Shorts

PROHIBITED SHOES

- No sandals
- No Flip-flops, Crocs or other slip-on shoes
- No boots
- No high heels

PROHIBITED JEWELRY/TATTOOS

- No dangling earrings (small post only; no multiple piercings)
- No visible body piercing (tongue ring, nose ring, lip, eyebrow, etc)
- Tattoos covered at all times

PROHIBITED PERSONAL HYGIENE

- Nails may not be visible beyond tips of fingers
- NO ACRYLIC NAILS
- No bulky rings
- Clean shave (men) (Facial hair may be permitted at some clinical sites; student will have to abide by clinical site rules)

OUTSIDE ATTIRE

- Hats and sunglasses are **ONLY** allowed for **OUTDOOR** events. Neither hats nor sunglasses are permitted indoors and in the athletic training clinic.

ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT VERIFICATION

I have received, read, and reviewed the AT Program Policy and Procedures listed above for Professional Appearance while participating in AT Program. I understand that I have access to this document and all other Policy and Procedures for the AT Program through Blackboard at any time during my tenure within the AT Program. My signature indicates that I have received, read, reviewed, and agree to abide by all these policies and procedures of the AT Program. I understand that if I violate any of the Policy and Procedures of the USC AT Program I am subject to disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from the AT Program and forfeit of all tuition and fees.

Date: _____

Signature, Athletic Training Student

Name, Athletic Training Student (Print)

Signature, Parent/Guardian (If student is under 18)

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