

# COP Professional Dress and Demeanor Policy

Students who have made the California Health Sciences University College of Pharmacy (COP) their choice should be aware that the College expects all students to maintain a neat and clean appearance. To provide guidance with student dress and demeanor with the College of Pharmacy (COP) and guide students' transition to their development as a healthcare provider.

This dress code applies to all COP students.

- A. Attire is expected to be neat, conveying respect for self and others. CHSU will adopt a standard of business casual for the classroom. Attire may include slacks or trousers but not jeans, a shirt with a collar, and dresses or skirts must be of appropriate length (should be visible when a lab jacket is worn, not to exceed 3 inches above the knee and may not be of sheer fabric. Tops must provide adequate coverage and may not be made of sheer fabric. Clothing must also not allow undergarments to show. Shoes should be neat, clean and in good condition. Tennis shoes, sneakers and flipflops are not acceptable.

***Not to be worn:***

- Tee shirts, mid-drifts, tank tops, jeans/denim, skirts or dresses in excess of 3 inches above the knee
- Flip flops

- B. Exceptions:  
Laboratory and experiential attire will be more restrictive and depends on the specific site expectations. Here, clean, neat white coats and closed toe shoes are required. Other restrictions may be applied by faculty and practice sites. In addition, casual days may be permitted upon special occasion.
- C. COP students may also wear CHSU-COP scrubs purchased from the university, or from a university- approved supplier in the designated style and color and closed-toed shoes (sneakers are permissible) for on-campus didactic events requiring business casual attire and select experiential/clinical events when approved by the preceptor.
- D. As part of their professional demeanor, students in the COP are expected to take responsibilities for their actions and to approach challenges with a problem-solving mindset. Students are to develop a demeanor and professional presence that is appropriate to their role as healthcare providers and educators of the public. Students must assume this role and its responsibilities in its totality. Students at the COP are being developed and trained to inspire confidence in their patients, provide excellent patient care, and take their role as healthcare providers seriously.