

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center – El Paso, TX

Department of Pediatrics

Dress Code Policy for Residents and Students

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The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for appropriate dress on TTUHSC premises for pediatric Residents and Students. This Dress Code Policy is based on TTUHSC Policy 0.13 and provides standards for all Residents and Students within the Department of Pediatrics in order to project a professional image to the public.

A. General Appearance:

1. Clothing should be worn appropriate to the work/training place. Examples of articles of clothing that are considered inappropriate include the following: **shorts, sweat-suits, mini-skirts, flip-flops, spaghetti straps, and clothing that exposes the midriff and torso.**
2. Shoes must be worn appropriate to department and job requirements. In general, flip-flops and slipper-type wear are not acceptable.
3. TTUHSC Pride Day is every Friday. Residents and Students may show their pride by wearing black/red shirt, dress shirt with the official logo, or the TTUHSC polo shirt. Jeans may only be worn on Pride Day with TTUHSC logo shirts.

B. Uniform Attire:

1. Uniforms (scrubs and white coats) must be professional in appearance.
2. The color of scrubs for pediatrics is light blue. Residents must wear **blue** scrubs in Thomason Hospital. Outside Thomason Hospital, e.g. in clinic, residents should wear their white coat over the scrubs.
3. Gray scrubs may be worn by Residents at Providence or on the TTUHSC campus only if wearing a white lab coat.
4. Residents and Students should change their scrubs with clean ones after each duty shift.

C. Responsibilities:

1. Residents and Students are accountable for being knowledgeable of the Dress Code Policy and maintaining a professional appearance at all times.
2. Identification Badges will be worn on the outside of the uniform, lab coat, or street clothes at all times while engaged in TTUHSC business. The photo ID badge will be helpful in the event of an emergency.
3. Departmental Administrators and Managers are responsible for enforcing the dress code policy and ensuring that all employees of their department are informed of the policy.
4. Residents and Students not complying with this policy will be sent home to return in appropriate attire.
5. Adherence to this dress code policy is considered part of PROFESSIONALISM.