PURPOSE
To ensure that proper dress attire and etiquette is observed and maintained.

AUTHORITY
SOAHS’ Division specific student handbooks and policy manuals

DEFINITION
Dress code is defined as the act of wearing clothing, hair style or shoes which do not conform to the professional standards as outlined in the school or divisional student handbook or the standards outlined as part of the requirement of an accreditation authority.

This dress code is intended to contribute to the overall professional development of the students in the School. The purpose of this code is to make the student aware that there is a standard of professional dress that should be adhered to in order for the student to have a more effective transition into the professional work place. In addition, the dress code seeks to improve the overall appearance of students enrolled in SOAHS. This dress code is not designed to discourage current acceptable attire, but is intended to assist and encourage students who otherwise would not dress appropriately in an educational setting. Students should consult with instructors regarding questions about this code.

PROCEDURES
All students will be notified in person and given an opportunity to correct any infraction to the code.

Students are reminded that SOAHS is a professional school and as such, it is expected that students display an appropriate level of judgment with regard to personal hygiene, grooming and dress. At no time will the following items of clothing or clothing style be acceptable for students attending classes in SOAHS.

1. Wearing hats, caps or other head wear in the building*
2. Wearing sunglasses in the building*
3. Wearing fish net and other see-through clothing
4. Crop tops and other bare midriff tops including spaghetti strap blouses
5. Short shorts
6. Athletic type, wide armhole tank tops that expose chest, back or midsection
7. Any clothing with holes and cuts (i.e. jeans, shirts, tops, etc.)
8. Bare feet, thongs or flip flops (i.e. beach or shower shoes)
9. Suggestive, revealing or tight fitting clothing or clothing with inappropriate pictures or slogans
10. Pants worn below the waistline and/or dragging the floor
11. Wrinkled, dirty or unsafe attire
12. Extreme personal presentation of any type (i.e. body piercing, hair style or tattoos)

The above dress code will be in place on a daily basis for all students in the pre-professional and professional level courses in SOAHS. A stricter code may be adopted by each division based on
requirements for clinical and internship experiential. In addition, certain classes may have a specific dress code requirement, which will be outlined in the course syllabus. Students violating this code may be subject to dismissal from the class and may not be allowed to return until the violation is corrected.

* Unusual circumstances may alter this requirement.

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