

OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

FW 1.5 Student Roles and Responsibilities

FW 1.5.4 Dress Code

Students will dress in their assigned polos and either khaki, black, or gray pants during any program related clinical activity unless otherwise noted by clinical instructor.

Students are expected to abide by the dress code of the facility where they are performing fieldwork. If no dress code is provided, the following guidelines will be used. These guidelines should in no way be construed as a means of limiting the individuality of the student outside of the fieldwork setting. They are intended to promote a safe, therapeutic environment for both the student and the clients. Students should:

- Be neat and well groomed. Hair should be clean and neat with long hair secured away from the face
- Use cosmetics only in moderation. Avoid the use of perfume or strongly scented soaps, body washes, lotions, deodorants, etc.
- Be conscious of tobacco smoke in clothing, hair, etc. considering the client population and how it might affect certain individuals
- Keep fingernails short. Polish should be pale or clear in color. Some facilities may prohibit fingernail polish. Avoid wearing artificial nails (refer to individual facility requirements).
- Dress conservatively. Revealing or sheer clothing, excessively tight clothing, strapless or sleeveless tops, tops that show the midriff or back, low cut or low buttoned blouses, shirts, or pants, cropped pants or shorts, logos or advertisements, and denim are unacceptable
- For women: slacks and blouses are preferred. Skirts/dresses that do not interfere with the ability to provide treatment are acceptable. Business casual is the default for professional dress, though some sites will approve the wearing of scrubs. Students should check with the assigned site to determine site requirements for colors and/or patterns when wearing scrubs.
- For men: slacks and shirts are appropriate.
- Wear comfortable closed toe, low heel, non-cloth shoes. Clean, white or black athletic shoes may be worn.
- Wear an approved name tag positioned so it is visible to all patient's families, and staff at all times.
- Wear only the following acceptable jewelry: one small set ring or wedding/engagement ring set. One watch. One small pair of earrings (large dangling earrings can be a safety hazard). One small necklace that will remain under the neckband of the shirt or blouse may be worn. **All other jewelry must be removed.**