DRESS CODE

VCUHS requires professional, healthcare appropriate attire whenever you report to a work unit. Attire must be clean, neat and of appropriate size. Uniforms or business attire representative of your professional career are expected. Manner of dress is often used by patients and families as a cue for recognizing the function of the staff members and may shape their perceptions about individuals and the Health System. Patients and family members undergoing the stress of outpatient visits and procedures, as well as hospitalization, need to feel confident in those caring for them.

The following dress code rules apply during your rotation:

- Hair shall be clean, well groomed, and worn in such a manner that it will not interfere with patient care or job duties and will present a professional image.
- Facial hair must be trimmed and kept clean.
- Make-up may be worn in moderation.
- No excessive perfume, aftershave or scents shall be worn. Use of deodorant and/or personal hygiene sprays/soaps are required unless it is medically contraindicated.
- Do not report to work with the smell of alcohol or other offensive body odors.
- Underwear shall be worn, but not be visible through the uniform fabric.
- Fingernails shall be kept short, clean, neatly manicured and not extend ¼ inch past the fingertips. Artificial nails and nail jewelry are prohibited per Health Department regulations in any patient care role. Artificial nails are defined as any application of a product to the nail to include, but not limited to, acrylic, overlay, tips or silk wraps (does not refer to nail polish). Chipped nail polish is not permitted.
- Jewelry shall be worn in moderation and not pose a safety hazard or interfere with patient care. Earrings should be worn in a professional manner; earrings are limited to 1-2 per ear.
- There will be no visible body piercing, including but not limited to, the following with the exception of ear piercing: no tongue piercing, no nose piercing, no eyebrow rings / bars. There will be no visible tattoos. Any visible tattoo must be covered with a bandage or clothing.
- Non-business use of earphones when providing customer services is prohibited.
- Non-skid shoes of moderate heel are recommended. Shoes should be close toed.