16.0 Dress Code
Society has developed elevated expectations of professional behavior on the part of all of its health care professionals. These expectations include competence, integrity, a caring attitude, and an engaging affect. The public also expects professionals to maintain high standards of language, communication skills, hygiene, and professional attire. As a member of the College of Pharmacy, a student’s personal appearance is an extension of the College and will reflect on how customers, patients, and colleagues view the student, the program, and the profession of pharmacy. Therefore, in an effort to promote professionalism, students will be asked to follow a dress and conduct code similar to that accepted by other practicing members of the profession. Requests for exemption from any aspect of this dress code based on a student's religious practices or beliefs must be made in writing to the Dean of the College of Pharmacy, along with an explanation of the reasons for the request.

Please note the dress code below. Students may be dismissed from any classroom or experiential activity for violation of the dress code. Activities missed due to dress code violations are made up at the discretion of the course faculty/coordinator or preceptor and may result in a zero.

16.1 P-1 and P-2 years (laboratory courses)
Dress codes for the Practice Skills Labs in the P-1 and P-2 year will be outlined in the course syllabi and must be followed by all students.

16.2 P-1 and P-2 years (all other courses)
Although there is no formal dress code in place for courses in the P1 and P2 years outside of the laboratory, students are still expected to dress appropriately and in good taste. Sweat pants, tops with bare shoulders, halter tops, tank tops, midriff tops, shorts, baseball caps or other hats are not acceptable. Clothing that reveals skin including your lower back, cleavage, or midriff stomach, or your undergarments is not appropriate. Visible body piercings, other than the ear, are not considered to convey a professional image; therefore, these items should not be worn to class. Students who are considered not to adhere to the dress code may be asked to leave class. The student may be allowed to return to class when appropriately dressed, at the discretion of the faculty member.

16.3 P-3 year (all courses)
Students are expected to dress professionally at all times. Examples of appropriate attire include a collared buttoned pull-over shirt, dress shirt with or without a tie, sweater, business blouse or top, neatly pressed dress pants (including “khaki’s”), skirt or dress of professionally acceptable length (lower thigh or longer in length). Jeans, sweat pants, tee-shirts, tops with bare shoulders, halter tops, tank tops, midriff tops, shorts, baseball caps or other hats are not acceptable. Clothing that reveals skin including your lower back, cleavage, or midriff stomach, or your undergarments is not appropriate. Visible body piercings, other than the ear, are not considered to convey a professional image; therefore, these items should not be worn to class. Students who do not adhere to the dress code may be asked to leave class. The student may be
allowed to return to class when appropriately dressed, at the discretion of the faculty member. Students are also expected to wear a white lab coat and Ferris State name badge at all times during the lab courses in the P1 through P3 years.

16.4 Patient care area (all experiential rotations)
Students are expected to dress professionally at all times. Examples of appropriate attire include a dress shirt with or without a tie, sweater, business blouse or top, neatly pressed dress pants (including “khaki’s”), skirt or dress of professionally acceptable length (lower thigh or longer in length), and appropriate shoes with socks, pantyhose, or tights. Jeans, sweat pants, tee-shirts, tops with bare shoulders, halter tops, tank tops, midriff tops, shorts, baseball caps or other hats, open-toed shoes and flip-flops are not acceptable. Clothing that reveals skin including your lower back, cleavage, or midriff stomach, or your undergarments is not appropriate. Visible body piercings, other than the ear, are not considered to convey a professional image; therefore, these items should not be worn to experiential rotations. Students are also expected to wear a short white lab coat and Ferris State name badge at all times while on rotation. Students who do not adhere to the dress code may be asked to leave the rotation. The student may be allowed to return to the rotation when appropriately dressed, at the discretion of the preceptor. Alternate dress codes may be provided on day one at any experiential rotation.