The Student’s Great Expectation

This following document outlines the student’s expectation of the attire for all PVM students. We would like to recommend that these standards go into effect starting fall semester 2011 from 7am until 6pm, Monday through Friday (excluding finals week). While students are in the VTH, the VTH policies must also be followed 24/7. These guidelines are not designed to encroach upon individuality, style, or diversity afforded by clothing style and preference. They are simply designed to encourage students to exhibit personal and professional pride and integrity. These guidelines are certainly not an exhaustive list of articles to wear versus not wear, but rely heavily upon the use of good judgment, which we as professional students are expected to demonstrate daily.

As fashion changes, this policy aims to keep up with the ever-changing trends thus, provided that the style does not encroach on modesty or other guidelines detailed below, fashionably distressed clothing is not prohibited.

We, the students, recommend that any breach in these standard result in those individuals being asked to return home to change. In addition to the students' support, we ask that the faculty support these standards as well by upholding these recommendations and leading by example. We hope that there will be no need to enforce these standards as they are just reminders of ways to be professional in a professional environment.

Being a student-derived document, any changes made to this policy hereafter shall be presented to the student body of PVM for consideration.

Standard of Attire

All:

General: These guidelines apply to all students of the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine. These guidelines provide the minimum expectations. Any specific VTH dress policy shall be adhered to at all times while students are in the VTH.

General guidelines for proper attire require clothing to be in good condition, be free of offensive graphics and statements, and provide for modesty. Biologically soiled clothing (i.e. feces, urine, blood, etc.) should not be worn in areas of food service.

Athletic clothing is prohibited. This includes track pants (swoosh pants, warm-up suits), spandex/lycra clothing, yoga pants, running shorts, cheerleading shorts, etc. Sweat pants, pajama pants, and similar clothing are also not permitted under these standards. Appropriate pants or shorts include jeans, khakis, corduroys, dress slacks, etc.

Shoes: As with any establishment, PVM has a “No shirt, no shoes, no service” policy, thus shoes are to be worn at all times within the PVM facility. Certain restrictions (regarding shoe type) exist when working in specific areas such as the anatomy lab, junior surgery, VTH, research laboratories, etc.

Head gear: All hats (e.g., baseball caps, cowboy hats, etc.) of any kind are not permitted to be worn inside of the Lynn Hall complex. (Exception includes religious or medical head gear)

Scrubs Coveralls: For biosecurity reasons, these articles are not to be worn outside of PVM unless required for school (i.e. farm calls or field trips). For club activities outside of PVM requiring scrubs or coveralls, street clothes should be worn to and from the location and scrubs or coveralls should be changed into at the location. Scrubs and coveralls are not to be worn to classes in lieu of street clothes unless issued specifically by a professor or purpose driven.
**Women:**

*Upper body:* Tank tops are not permitted to be worn without a covering garment. Shirts should be professionally modest in cut, and fully cover the midriff. Underwear should be worn and covered.

*Lower body:* Pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, and dresses are all allowed provided that they are of an appropriate professional length. Skirts that cover spandex pants should also be appropriate professional length. Underwear should be worn and covered.

**Men:**

*Upper body:* T-shirts should be of appropriate quality meaning that stained, ragged, worn-out t-shirts are not to be worn. All shirts must have sleeves, and undershirts of any style are not to be worn as the only upper body article of clothing.

*Lower body:* Pants, jeans and shorts are the minimum standard. Pants with poorly fitted waists are not permitted. Underwear should be worn and covered.