

OTA PROGRAM CLASSROOM DRESS AND BEHAVIOR POLICY

NSCC Occupational Therapy Assistant students are preparing to enter the health care profession, and throughout the school and on fieldwork, they represent the profession of Occupational Therapy as well as NSCC. With this in mind, certain aspects of behavior and dress are required of all OTA Program students while on NSCC campus. See the Fieldwork manual for dress code for Fieldwork.

PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE

- ✓ Good hygiene
- ✓ Modest dress:
 - Students should wear clothes that are comfortable, but not revealing. Midriff should be covered (front and back)
 - Clothing should be loose enough so that students can effectively participate in all class activities.
 - Pants should fit so that students can move through a full range of motion without difficulty
 - Shirts/blouses should fit so that arms can be raised and lowered without difficulty, and without exposing chest (low cut shirt), or buttocks (short shirt length)
- ✓ Remove hats (men and women)
- ✓ Neat pants or dress
- ✓ No dangling earrings or excessive jewelry or makeup
- ✓ No perfume, cologne, or aftershave
- ✓ No short shorts
- ✓ No exposed undergarments
- ✓ No jeans with holes, patches or frayed seams
- ✓ Appropriate foundation garments must be worn
- ✓ Nails should be short and well groomed
- ✓ Hair must be clean and tied back if long
- ✓ Shoes should be conservative--no spikes, sandals, or open toed shoes
- ✓ Males must be clean shaven (beards or mustaches must be well groomed)
- ✓ Clothes should be clean, neat, and unwrinkled

PARTICIPATION IN CLASS

- ✓ Read assignments before class and review important ideas in reading
- ✓ Participate in class discussion with pertinent information and/or appropriate examples
- ✓ For hybrid courses, complete all work necessary for on campus participation in a timely manner, develop good “netiquette” habits
- ✓ For online classes, interact with classmates and instructors as directed, develop good “netiquette” habits

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

- ✓ No eating, drinking, or gum chewing except by permission
- ✓ No side talking

- ✓ No studying for test in class.
- ✓ No working on projects, presentations for other courses in class
- ✓ No texting allowed
- ✓ Cells phones not allowed in class unless arrangement made with instructor

ATTITUDE

- ✓ Show interest
- ✓ Be polite to instructor and classmates
- ✓ Make appointments to discuss controversial, lengthy issues with other classmates or instructor

The above applies unless special announcement by Instructor. All OTA Program students are also held to the policies as outlined in the NSCC Student Handbook.