The Athletic Training Program (ATP) at Murray State University believes that an environment in which all Athletic Training Students (ATSSs) display the highest levels of respect and professionalism will foster an educational environment that is consistent with learning and with the development of professional practice in athletic training. An ATS entering the field upon graduation must understand that professional appearance, as a health care provider, is crucial to the development of patient confidence and respect.

**Dress Code**

1. The ATS must wear his or her nametag indicating that s/he is an "athletic training student" at all non-MSU athletic clinical sites. The ATS will be required to purchase a nametag upon admission to the program. Loss of the nametag or a name change will require the ATS to purchase a new nametag from the Racer Card office at his or her expense.

2. The ATS must wear a polo shirt, oxford style (button-down) shirt, or t-shirt at all times. Polo or oxford shirts must have a collar and sleeves, be tucked in, be a solid color only, and may contain either a small logo of the company who manufactured the shirt or Murray State University logo. T-shirts must have sleeves, be tucked in, be a solid color only, and may contain only an MSU logo. Should the ATS purchase or be provided a shirt that is specific to an off-campus clinical setting, the ATS may wear that shirt in that setting only. The ATS must not expose his/her midriff, navel, hips, or undergarments.

3. The ATS must wear a belt with pants/slacks that are khaki/tan/brown/army green, white, black, or blue and in good condition (i.e. clean and free of holes, fraying, etc). Similar shorts may also be worn during warm weather with preceptor permission and in good condition. The ATS may wear mesh shorts during preseason practices only with preceptor permission. All shorts should have at least a 5-inch inseam and/or be mid-thigh in length. Leggings, denim pants, denim shorts, cut-off shorts, and cargo shorts are not acceptable.

4. The ATS must wear footwear appropriate to the setting. Dress shoes or gym/tennis shoes are allowed; however, sandals, flip-flops, and stiletto heels are not acceptable.

5. The ATS may not wear any jewelry that does not convey a professional atmosphere. Facial piercings are not acceptable, except a maximum of 2 piercings in each earlobe. In addition, jewelry must not interfere with any functions that may be performed by an athletic trainer (e.g. lip piercing may interfere with rescue breathing, some types of earrings may interfere with auscultations).
6. The ATS may not wear hats of any kind inside of a building (i.e. athletic training room or clinic). An appropriate hat may be worn outdoors, however that hat must not contain any logo that is not specific to the institution and the hat must be worn correctly (e.g. baseball hats must be worn with the brim forward, etc.)

The above represents the minimal acceptable level of dress for the ATS in his/her clinical experiences as a part of the ATP at Murray State. The ATS must understand that the supervising preceptor or clinical site may require specific dress or uniform that exceeds the above dress code (e.g. dress slacks and blouse or a jacket and tie for a basketball game); however, the ATS is not allowed to dress at a level below this code.

The ATS is financially responsible for meeting dress code requirements.

Enforcement
The ATS is expected to dress accordingly at all times. Program faculty and preceptors will enforce this dress code by:

1) First violation will result in a verbal warning to the ATS and requiring the ATS to change into appropriate clothing. It is the ATSs responsibility to assure the availability of clean, proper fitting clothing.

2) Second violation will result in a written warning and will be kept in the student’s record.

3) Third violation will result in clinical probation.

4) Fourth violation may result in dismissal from the program.