

**TO: PCOM DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE STUDENTS**

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**SUBJECT: OSTEOPATHIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE (OPP) MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

All students admitted to and currently enrolled in the PCOM Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program on both the Philadelphia and Georgia campuses are required to touch and be touched during the process of learning and practicing the art and science of medicine and physical examination. For the purpose of learning diagnostic and physical examination skills, it will be necessary to be in contact with the patient's skin. Students will be partnered with another student regardless of age, gender, nationality, religion, race, sexual orientation, or size.

**When serving as the "patient", students must dress in the following prescribed manner:**

- Males are to wear bicycle shorts or running shorts (not long basketball "type" shorts).
- Females are to wear gym shorts or swim shorts and any of the following: a halter top with thin back strap, bikini bathing suit top or sports bra.
- When the head or neck is being examined, head coverings must be removed.

**When attending lab:**

Students may wear T-shirts, scrub wear, or sweat shirt/pants when not the subject of examination or treatment. However, students must be wearing the dress prescribed above beneath this clothing.

The wearing of a hat or sunglasses during lectures, laboratory sessions, with the exception of for religious or health reasons, are not permitted. However, when the clinical skills courses, as well as other courses, require hand contact by a partner to the head or neck, the head covering must be removed.

The standards for performance, dress and behavior is noted in the "PCOM Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Technical Standards for Admissions and Matriculation".