

**UNC Charlotte Cato College of Education  
Professional Dress Code for  
Clinical and Student Teaching Placements**

Whenever you are in a setting representing the Cato College of Education, business casual attire is expected. Acceptable and non-acceptable examples of this level of professional attire are as follows.

| Acceptable/Recommended  | Not Acceptable  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business casual clothing that is clean and free of wrinkles and/or tears</li> <li>• Examples of business casual attire include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ slacks</li> <li>▪ casual dress pants</li> <li>▪ skirts</li> <li>▪ dresses</li> <li>▪ blouses</li> <li>▪ collared shirts</li> <li>▪ polos</li> <li>▪ crewneck shirts</li> <li>▪ sweaters</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Dance education candidates are to adhere to the professional dress standards of their field</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeans (professional/free of tears may be worn on days approved by the host school)</li> <li>• Sweatpants</li> <li>• Yoga pants or leggings (unless under a dress)</li> <li>• Shorts, skirts, or dresses shorter than fingertip length</li> <li>• Tank tops, sweatshirts, spaghetti straps, or tops revealing chest or midriff when standing, sitting, or bending</li> <li>• Athletic shoes or flip-flops</li> <li>• T-shirts with writing or logos (exception is clinical school shirt on designated days)</li> <li>• Visible undergarments</li> <li>• Excessive piercings (lip/nose/eyebrow/tongue/ear, other than lobe)</li> <li>• Accessories, hair color/style, body art that will distract</li> <li>• Hats worn inside</li> </ul> |

- Candidates must adhere to the school/school district and UNC Charlotte dress codes as well as any additional policies required by the school.
- Part of the dress code is that your UNC Charlotte ID should be visible for all school personnel.
- Accommodations will be made for religious practice or a medical reason that conflicts with the dress code.

**Regardless of how school employees dress, the school/school district and UNC Charlotte dress codes are to be followed by all teacher candidates.**