

Faculty of Health Guideline: DRESS AND APPEARANCE: PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

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GUIDELINE:

Students are expected to maintain a professional standard of dress and appearance in all practice settings. Religious and cultural accommodations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Professionalism relates to professional image and how an individual present him or herself in a practice setting. Attributes of professional image may include, but are not limited to: dress, appearance, social skills, and therapeutic competence.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES:

1.0 CLOTHING: Student dress must comply with agency policy in addition to FoH Guidelines.

1.1 Practice Settings requiring uniforms

- All students in FoH programs are required to purchase a FoH standard uniform/scrub set which will be worn throughout the program for all practice experiences unless otherwise specified.
- The KPU crest must be stitched on the right sleeve of the scrub top with the bottom of the crest lined up along the hem stitch, and centered to the shoulder seam.
- Lab coats, jackets and sweaters must be professional in appearance and removed when providing direct care to clients.
- A scrub top is required to be worn in all lab experiences.

1.2 Practice Settings not requiring uniforms:

- Instructors will review dress and appearance requirements specific to the setting.
- Students should demonstrate good judgement and discretion in selecting appropriate clothing.
- Clothing should be business casual in appearance.

1.3 Shoes

- Appropriate footwear must be worn while the student is in the practice agency.
- Shoes must meet the standards for protection required by the Work Safe BC.

2.0 Identification:

- Students must wear a FoH name badge during all practice experiences.
- Photo identification may be required by the agency, issued by the school or the agency.
- A student identification card and /or introductory letter may be required for home visits.
- For TCM students only, TCM may issue a student license badge.

3.0 Hygiene:

3.1 Hair

- Neat, tidy, clean, and appropriate for the placement setting.
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up and away from the face.
- Facial hair must be clean, trimmed, well-groomed and short.

3.2 Finger Nails – for aseptic reasons

- Clean, short, well-groomed.
- No nail polish.
- No artificial nails.

4.0 Accessories:

- Must be safe and not pose any safety risk to the student or client when providing care.

4.1 Watches

- Pocket, wrist, or lapel watch with a second hand or digital second display is required.
- Wrist watches must not be worn when providing direct care to clients.

4.2 Jewelry

- Minimal jewelry to allow for good hand washing technique (e.g. simple band only).
- Earring must be small studs in any visible piercing.
- No lanyards.

4.3 Stethoscope

- When not being used, stethoscopes must be kept in the student's pocket.

4.4 Mobile Device

- Unless clinically relevant, or in exceptional circumstances, personal electronic devices are not to be in view or in use while on shift.
- All sounds from these devices must be silenced and should not attract attention.
- Personal use of these devices should occur during scheduled break times only, and in designated break areas only.
- Personal communication devices are not to be used to communicate or exchange patient/client/resident status or information.