

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY APPEARANCE CODE

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The general intent of this code is to present a professional appearance and attitude to our patients and co-workers. All students are always expected to maintain an appropriate professional appearance and attitude. This is extremely important and has a direct effect on patient confidence and the public's impression. Radiologic Technology students are a reflection on the program, the college, and the clinical site.

Each student will have as a standard part of their uniform:

1. Radiation badge
2. Name tag/College ID
3. Small pocket-size clinical notebook and pen
4. Right and left lead markers with the student's initials

Apparel

- A specific color scrub-type tops– scrub pants must be a specific designated color.
- Wearing tight-fitting, baggy, suggestive, or see-through attire is prohibited. Pants must be worn at the waist.
- A specific color lab jacket may be worn over the uniform.
- Uniform pants must extend to the shoe tops and not touch the floor.
- Specific colors allowed tee-shirt/long sleeved may be worn under scrub tops, must be tucked in.
- Shoes must be all white or all black and free from ornamentation. (May be all white or black sneakers)
- No open-toed shoes, sandals, or open-heel clogs
- Specific color socks are to be worn with pants.
- Uniforms must be neat and clean with no torn or worn areas, excess wrinkles (slept-in-appearance) is not acceptable.

Jewelry

- No more than 2 small earrings (stud or small hoop) in each ear are acceptable. Lobe expanders are not acceptable. Clinical Preceptors will utilize their discretion should they feel size and shape may be too extreme for the environment or workplace.
- A non-smart watch may be worn.
- May wear rings such as engagement, wedding, friendship, or class ring.
- Facial jewelry or visible piercing (s) are NOT permitted.
- Dangling and/or ornate earrings, rings, bracelets and/or necklaces are not allowed.
- Visible tattoos are to be covered in an acceptable manner.

Personal Hygiene

- Appropriate personal hygiene must be practiced and conducive to patient care. An effective antiperspirant/deodorant is a MUST.
- Sideburns, mustaches, and beards must be neatly trimmed. Students whose work requires protective or other equipment on the face may be required to remove facial hair, depending upon the type of work and equipment.

- For health and safety reasons, shoulder-length hair, or longer, must be tied back.
- Fingernails should be clean, short, and well-trimmed. Artificial fingernails and nail wraps are not permitted. Fingernail polish of light color and chip-free may be worn.
- Use of perfume or cologne is not permitted due to patient and/or co-worker allergic sensitivity.
- No gum chewing is permitted.
- Hair color must be one that is considered natural.

Name Tag/ Student Identification

- Student ID Badge must always be worn with name; photo unobstructed and easily viewed.
- Each student is to have an acceptable identification badge; this may be a college ID, or one specifically furnished by the clinical site.
- Student Identification badge must indicate the student's name and state "Student."

Failure to follow the Appearance Code policy may result in demerits. Clinical site policies concerning appearance supersede this policy; the clinical preceptors/ clinical coordinator have the ultimate determination of appropriate appearance of professionalism. See demerit policy for more information.