

Dress and Appearance Standards

The dress and appearance for all students enrolled at the School of Dentistry is expected to project a professional image that enhances the faculty's, patients', staff's and visitors' confidence that students are highly competent members of a health care team committed to education, service and are compliant with OSHA regulations and CDC guidelines regarding personal protection and infection control.

1. Between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm (except holidays/break periods) or whenever engaging in any type of patient or public contact representing the school, students and faculty must abide by the dress and appearance standard.
2. The dress and appearance standard established will be a universal standard that applies to all classrooms, lecture halls, clinics and laboratories. Exceptions can only be authorized at the discretion of the Director of Clinics.
3. All clothing must be clean, pressed and fit appropriately. Exposure of undergarments or see-through garments is not acceptable.
4. Clinic/Laboratory: A clean clinic/laboratory gown with the appropriate name tag must be worn for all laboratory and clinic sessions. Clinic/laboratory gowns are not to be worn outside the building, except when attending professional activities at Alegen Creighton Medical Center..
5. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. Hair must not obstruct the field of vision or come into contact with equipment or supplies used in patient care. Hair must not intrude into the face of the patient or the field of operation. In the laboratory hair must be pulled back for safety reasons. Means of securing the hair (such as pony-tail holders, hair clips, bobby pins or surgical caps) must be worn when necessary.
6. Skin on the legs or feet must be covered. Men are expected to wear socks. Women must either wear hosiery or socks.
7. Shoes: Ergonomic footwear that covers the entire instep (top of foot) is acceptable. Work boots, open-toe, athletic and/or canvas shoes are not acceptable. Open heel shoes that cover the entire instep are acceptable.
8. Jewelry: Jewelry must not be distracting or interfere with gloves or the field of operation.
9. Head Coverings: Only head coverings related to specific religious beliefs are permitted. Surgical caps are permitted during patient treatment.
10. Hands/nails: Fingernails are to be kept short with smooth, filed edges to allow thorough cleaning and prevent glove tears.
11. Unsightly, excessive or demeaning tattoos and body piercing that are exposed or excessive perfume/colognes are unacceptable.
12. Facial Hair: All facial hair must be neatly trimmed. Closely cropped beards must exhibit clearly trimmed neck border.
13. Professional attire: Only full length dress slacks are acceptable. Jeans, leggings, capri pants, skirts, and shorts are not acceptable. Open mid-riffs, plunging necklines, spaghetti straps or other styles that do not cover skin of the chest, or top of shoulder areas are not appropriate for female students. Collared dress shirts and neckties are acceptable for male students.

Compliance with the dress and appearance standards will be monitored by the faculty. Students who do not exhibit proper professional appearance will be privately informed by the faculty member why their appearance is inappropriate. Students who have been informed more than once of inappropriate dress or appearance will be referred to the appropriate administrator (Director of Clinics or Assistant/Associate Dean for Student Affairs) The Director of Clinics may dismiss students whose attire does not conform to the dress code policy.

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