



**VERA Z. DWYER COLLEGE
OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

**TITLE: Division of Dental
Education Appearance Policy**

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TARGET GROUP: Division of
Dental Education Students

SECTION: Division of Dental
Education Student Policy

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide IUSB-CHS Division of Dental Education Dental Hygiene students with information necessary to select on-duty attire.

Policy:

Dental hygiene students are required to wear a regulation IU South Bend Programs in Dental Education scrub student uniform. Scrub color will coordinate with the student's cohort as specified at the time of ingress.

Article I: General Guidelines

Attire must be well fitting, clean, unstained, and professional in appearance.

Clothing contaminated with bodily fluids should not be worn outside the clinic. Clothing that is contaminated with bodily fluids should be laundered immediately after patient treatment. Laundry is available onsite for mandatory laboratory jacket, and optional scrub sanitization.

Uniform accommodations may be requested for religious needs or pregnancy. Contact the Cohort Coordinator or Program Director.

Article II: Name Pin

An IU South Bend dental hygiene student name badge is required to be worn and visible at all times during clinic, and lab times. Name badges are to be worn when participating in a professional setting; volunteering for community health programs; and as designated by the faculty in varied clinical and non-clinical settings.

Article III: Shoes

Shoes need to be purchased for the exclusive use of clinical and are not worn until entering the clinic. Shoes must be made of an impermeable material such as leather. No open-toe shoes or clogs may be worn in the clinical setting.

OSHA Standard [1910.136\(a\)](#)

General requirements. The employer shall ensure that each affected employee uses protective footwear when working in areas where there is a danger of foot injuries due to falling or rolling objects, or objects piercing the sole, or when the use of protective footwear will protect the affected employee from an electrical hazard, such as a static-discharge or electric-shock hazard, that remains after the employer takes other necessary protective measures.

Article IV: Lab Coats

Lab coats matching the scrub uniforms are required to be worn when the student is in clinic. Lab coats must have cuffed, tight sleeve openings. Students must have at minimum 2 lab coats for back to back clinic days.

Professional Wear for Volunteer Activities:

In a professional capacity and as a representative of the IUSB Vera Z. Dwyer College of Health Sciences Division of Dental Education, the dental hygiene student is expected to dress and behave in a professional manner at all times. The dental hygiene program student nametag is to be worn for these activities regardless of attire.

Picture ID:

A valid IU South Bend student ID must be carried with the student at all times to access protected department areas.

Clinic Appearances Other:

- Fingernails must be neatly trimmed and clean. **No artificial nails or polish may be worn in the clinical setting.**
- Hair and beards must be clean, neatly groomed, and kept off the face.
- Tattoos are not to be visible in the clinical setting.
- Exposed body piercing(s), and dangling earrings are not permitted in the clinical setting.
- Good personal hygiene is expected.
- Smelling of tobacco smoke is prohibited; it is not acceptable to leave patient care areas to smoke. IU South Bend is a smoke free environment and these policies are strictly enforced for students.
- Light cologne and simple make-up may be worn. No necklaces, watches, rings, or other types of jewelry may be worn in the clinical setting.
- Gum chewing is prohibited in direct patient/client care areas and roles.