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MS-SLP Professional Attire Policy # SLP-CL-13-A

About This Policy:

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Scope

This policy is for all students enrolled in the MS-SLP program within the Vera Z. Dwyer College of Health Sciences.

Policy Statement

Student clinicians are required to dress professionally and wear their name badge for clinical activities.

Procedure

Clothing should be neat and clean. Individual supervisors may identify specific dress criteria for student clinicians, and student clinicians in an off-campus site should follow the site's dress code. Some examples of inappropriate clothing include, but are not limited to: shorts, spaghetti straps, halter tops, casual tee-shirts, workout clothes, sweat shirts, and sweat pants. **With any clothing you choose, students should be mindful of how the body may be exposed during different clinical activities (i.e. bending over table, sitting or kneeling on the floor with a child, reaching up, etc.).**

In general, careful consideration should be given to wearing jewelry during clinical experiences as it may pose a safety hazard. Jewelry that can be easily grabbed and pulled should not be worn (e.g., long necklaces, hoop or dangling earrings). This may include facial jewelry such as eyebrow and nose rings. For working with some clients, it may also be best to avoid decorative scarves around the neck. Your supervisor may ask you to remove jewelry or accessories if they are a distraction to the client or a safety risk for you. Student clinicians are encouraged to wear a wristwatch while providing therapy services to assist in time management.

Some placements, particularly those in healthcare settings, may require closed-toed shoes and may discourage or prohibit the use of artificial fingernails, as these can harbor dirt and pathogens even after handwashing. It is the student's responsibility to determine the regulations of his/her site.

If you have a visible tattoo, please consider each of your client's ages, difficulties, and cultural considerations, and cover any tattoo that a client may consider scary or controversial.

Perfume, strongly scented lotion, cologne, etc. are discouraged as some clients may have allergies or be sensitive to the smell.