

**TITLE: Radiography  
Appearance Policies**

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**TARGET GROUP: CHS  
Students**

**SECTION: Radiography  
Student Policy**

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to outline the Radiography Program Dress Code and Appearance guidelines for the radiography student.

**Policy:**

**Dress Code**

Appropriate attire, which meets the program's dress and grooming standards, is required to provide the student a professional appearance during any student activity at a clinical site.

The clinical instructor shall determine the appropriateness of the student's appearance. Exceptions to the dress code include surgery scrubs.

1. Hair and beards must be clean and neatly-groomed. If hair fall below shoulder length, it must be pulled back. Hair should be of a natural color.
2. Perfumes, colognes, and cosmetics should be used moderately.
3. Natural nails that are no longer than ¼" past the tip of the finger.
4. Nail polish is acceptable but should not be chipped or cracked. Only clear or pale nail polish may be worn. If this happens to a student, they are to remove the nail polish before resuming patient care.
5. Shellac nail polish is acceptable. Only clear or pale shellac may be worn. UV cured shellac nails are allowed unless chipped, cracked or peeling. If this happens to a student, they are to remove the nail polish before resuming patient care. If the UV cured nail polish cannot be removed easily, the student must be sent home and may return once nail polish has been removed. Students must make up the clinical time.
6. Artificial nails may not be worn by students. Artificial nails includes acrylics, gels, wraps, enhancements (i.e. dipped nails), extenders, and other unnatural nails.
7. Students may wear jewelry while in clinic as long as it is consistent with a professional work environment. For safety and sanitary reasons, students may not wear dangling earrings (i.e. chandelier, hoops over ½ inch) or excessive jewelry. Visible piercings are limited to ears and no more than one facial piercing (a stud no larger than 2mm). Facial hoops and tongue piercings are not allowed. Ear gauges should be plugged closed with solid plugs matching skin tone. No jewelry will be allowed that poses a safety or health risk to patients.

8. Tattoos found to be offensive must be covered. Examples of offensive tattoos are pictures/symbols/words of a sexual nature, gang affiliations, violence, profanity or derogatory words/images.
9. Clinical attire consists of a navy blue scrub top and navy blue scrub pants purchased through the IUSB bookstore. A navy blue lab coat can be worn and does not have to be purchased through the bookstore. Clothing should be clean and free of wrinkles. Stains, holes, or repairs should not be present on clothing. Tight fitting clothing is not acceptable.
10. Underclothing is required and should not be visible through or outside uniforms. A white/black long or short sleeve shirt (free of embellishments) may be worn underneath the scrub top.
11. Mostly white/or black uniform or leather tennis shoes are required and must be kept clean and polished. Canvas sneakers, sandals, and flip-flops are not permitted on clinical days. White/black professional clogs with closed toe and back strap are permissible upon approval by the clinical instructor. "Croc" shoes with the open front are not compliant with the dress code.
12. Bodily cleanliness is necessary to prevent offensive personal odor. Oral hygiene is also important.
13. Students are expected to wear facility scrub attire when completing specific clinical rotations. This includes scrubs and surgical caps/bonnets. Students must use hospital provided caps/bonnets in the surgical setting. Personal caps/bonnets are not acceptable. Scrub attire is the property of the agency and should not be removed or worn outside that agency.
14. Students must wear their IUSB name tag and hospital issued name tag as part of the uniform at all times in the clinical site.
15. Dosimeters must be worn at all times in the clinical setting.
16. Students must have their ID markers at all times when in clinical.

The dress code may be modified by management at selected clinical sites to meet departmental needs with the approval of the program director. Students may be sent home to change if the clinical instructor/faculty determines it to be necessary.

This policy follows R-13 and R-24, Notification for Improvement and Violation policies.