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OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

**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. All student radiographers must wear their radiation monitoring device and name tag as part of the uniform at all times in the clinical site. Radiation monitoring devices are to be left in a secure area at the clinical site at the end of the clinical day. Students are required to pick up their radiation monitoring device at the start of each clinical day.

The clinical instructor shall determine the appropriateness of the student's appearance and dress. Exceptions to the dress code include prescribed attire while in surgery and other activities and must be approved by the clinical instructor.

Inappropriate attire can result in a Problem Assessment Form. Students may be sent home to change, if the clinical instructor determines it to be necessary.

1. Hair and beards must be clean and neatly-groomed. If hair falls below shoulder length it must be pulled back.
2. Perfumes, colognes, and cosmetics should be used moderately.
3. Fingernails should be kept short, neat, and clean. Light nail polish (light pink, clear, etc.) should be used in a conservative manner. No red, bright/dark colors, or chipped finger nail polish is allowed.
4. On clinical days, the only acceptable jewelry is small plain earrings, wristwatches, wedding bands, and a simple chain necklace. No other jewelry is acceptable. In surgical areas, all jewelry must be removed. Any other form of body piercing beyond the ears is unacceptable in the clinical setting.

5. Clothing should be clean and free of wrinkles. Stains, holes, or repairs should not be present on clothing. Tight fitting clothing is not acceptable.
6. Underclothing is required and should not be visible through or outside uniforms.
7. 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 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.
8. Denim clothing is not appropriate and may not be worn in offices, or patient care areas.
9. Bodily cleanliness is necessary to prevent offensive personal odor. Oral hygiene is also important.
10. Facility Scrub Attire: All affiliated clinical agencies provide scrub attire for use in designated areas within the hospital. Students are expected to wear facility scrub attire when completing specific clinical rotations. Scrub attire is the property of the agency and should not be removed or worn outside that agency.
11. Students are required to wear their name badge during clinical hours.

While participating in Clinical Experience, all tattoos are to be effectively covered by the student so interacting parties cannot observe them.

Clinical attire shall consist of a choice of a navy blue scrub top and navy blue scrub pants. A white long or short sleeve shirt (free of embellishments) may be worn underneath the scrub top if desired. White uniform shoes or white or black leather tennis shoes, kept clean and polished, are acceptable. A navy blue lab coat may be required for your specific clinical site.

The determination of when the lab coat is to be worn will be made by the clinical coordinator in conjunction with the respective clinical instructor(s). The dress code may be modified by management at selected clinical sites to meet departmental needs with the approval of the program director.

Smoking

Smoking in the clinical sites is prohibited. If excessive odor from smoking is noticeable and considered offensive, clinical faculty has the right to request that a student be sent home to change scrubs. Any missed clinical time must be made up prior to the end of the semester.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in a Problem Assessment form and progression issues within the program.