

HWPS Professional Hygiene and Attire Student Expectations

Many HWPS Health Career degree and certificate Programs have specific requirements for hygiene and attire and professional dress. You will be notified of the Program specific requirements as you enter the Program, at orientations or as 'clinical / practical' placements approach. Program students are expected to comply with all appearance requests.

A well-groomed, professional appearance is an absolute necessity in all clinical areas and especially at off-site 'lab' locations. General HWPS Health Career Program Professional expectations include:

1. **Uniforms**: Students are required to wear Program specific CNM uniforms. All clothing needs to fit properly, be in good repair and laundered. Undergarments must offer proper support and should not be visible at the waist line or under the uniforms.
2. **Shoes and Socks**: Shoes and socks in good repair are to be worn in class and in all clinical settings. Generally, all open-toed and /or open backed sandals or clogs are not permitted. Special orthopedic needs will be dealt with on an individual basis.
3. **Identification badges**: CNM student identification must be displayed anytime a student is participating in clinical activity. Students may also be required to wear other identifying badges that are specific to a particular clinical site.
4. **Dosimetry badge**: As required by certain Programs, radiology monitoring badges will be issued and worn when radiographic exposure is anticipated.
5. **Hair styling**: Hair is to be kept clean and professionally groomed. Extreme hair styles or un-natural hair colors are not allowed. Long hair needs to be held back as directed for various activities. When allowed by a specific Program, beards, mustaches, and sideburns must be clean and neatly trimmed.
6. **Cosmetics, Perfume and Nails**: Extremes in make-up are not allowed. Perfumes, aftershaves, lotions or other scented hygiene products are not allowed. Students should be clean, and free of offensive body odors, including tobacco odors. The CDC has noted the potential for bacterial transmission from long nails, nail polish, and /or false (acrylic or gel) nails, and as such these are not permitted (except in the Cosmetology Program).
7. **Jewelry, Tattoos, and Piercings**: Programs may have specific requirements for these areas. Generally, a watch with a conservative band and second hand is recommended. Earrings and necklaces and bracelets will be addressed by each Program, but limitations to number and length generally apply. Tattoos should not be visible when a short sleeve uniform is worn, or students may be requested to cover up visible tattoos. Visible facial or excessive ear piercings are generally not considered permissible in the Professional environment.
8. **Gum chewing**: Not allowed during any patient contact. This is for professional appearance and for direct health reasons.
9. If a faculty member or clinical site deems your apparel, hairstyle or accoutrements as not suitable you may be sent home, or removed from the site permanently. An alternative site or location to complete specific Program competencies may not always be available, resulting in that the student may be unable to meet all Program graduation requirements. Failure of a student to comply with professional attire standards may result in an "F" or "NC" for a course.

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