



**Faculty of Health Guideline:
DRESS AND APPEARANCE: PRACTICE EXPERIENCES**

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GUIDELINE:

Students will maintain a professional standard of dress and appearance that complies with current infection prevention and control guidelines in all practice settings.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES:

1.0 CLOTHING: Student dress must comply with agency policy in addition to FoH Guidelines.

1.1 Practice Settings requiring uniforms

- All students in FoH programs are required to wear a standard uniform/scrub set, in the designated KPU FoH colour, for all practice experiences unless otherwise specified.
- Students in preceptorship/practicum or specialty units such as pediatrics or dementia units may wear patterned or alternate coloured scrubs
- The KPU crest must be stitched on the right sleeve of the scrub top with the bottom of the crest lined up along the hem stitch, and centered to the shoulder seam.
- Lab coats, jackets and sweaters must be professional in appearance and removed when providing direct care to clients.
- Any clothing worn under the scrub top is to be secured above the elbow during patient care.
- A scrub top is required to be worn in all lab experiences.

1.2 Practice Settings not requiring uniforms:

- Students will review dress and appearance requirements specific to their practice setting.
- Clothing will be professional in appearance.
- Abdomens, backs and chests are to be fully covered through all ranges of movement and while administering patient, client and resident care

1.3 Shoes

- Appropriate footwear must be worn while the student is in the practice agency.
- Shoes must meet the standards for protection required by the Work Safe BC. <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/law-policy/occupational-health-safety/searchable-ohs-regulation/ohs-regulation/part-08-personal-protective-clothing-and-equipment#SectionNumber:8.22>

2.0 Identification:

- Students must wear a FoH name badge during all practice experiences.
- KPU photo identification must be carried at all practice experiences.
- For TCM students only, TCM may issue a student license badge.

3.0 Personal Professional Appearance:

3.1 Hair

- Neat, tidy, clean, and appropriate for the placement setting.
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up and away from the face.
- Artificial eyelashes, and eyelash extensions, may not be worn when providing direct patient care.

3.2 Finger Nails – for aseptic reasons

- Clean, short (less than 3mm)
- No nail polish.
- No artificial nails.

4.0 Accessories:

Must be safe and not pose any safety risk to the student or client when providing care.

4.1 Watches

- Pocket, wrist, or lapel watch with a second hand or digital second display is required.
- Wrist watches must not be worn in direct care settings.

4.2 Jewelry

- Minimal jewelry to allow for good hand washing technique (e.g. simple band only).
- Earrings must be small studs in any visible piercing.
- No lanyards.
- No long necklaces

4.3 Stethoscope

- When not being used, stethoscopes must be kept in the student's pocket.

4.4 Mobile Device

- Unless clinically relevant, or in exceptional circumstances, personal electronic devices are not to be in view or in use while on shift.
- All sounds from these devices must be silenced and should not attract attention.
- Personal use of these devices should occur during scheduled break times only, and in designated break areas only.
- Personal communication devices are not to be used to communicate or exchange patient/client/resident status or information.