
Student Dress Code Standard

Policy

The Shasta College Dental Hygiene student uniform will be worn to all classes, labs, clinic sessions and radiology activities. (The only exception is when taking the Head & Neck Anatomy class on the main campus – street clothes are acceptable.) The color of uniform for each class cohort is chosen by the faculty.

Dress Code Standard

Any student who arrives at class, lab, or clinic session in violation of the dress standard will be sent home to change or may be dismissed for the day – constituting an absence.

Uniforms/Scrubs

- Uniforms will be freshly laundered and unwrinkled.
- Uniform fit must be consistent with a professional appearance. Uniforms must be sized adequately to allow for **all movements** necessary for patient care without exposing any torso skin or chest cleavage. Uniforms also must not fit so tightly that movements are hampered or reveal unnecessary body form or undergarment lines.
- Shoes must be clean, white, and fluid impermeable. Open heeled shoes or clogs are acceptable.
- Socks/Stockings: white socks (not ankle/athletic foot socklets) or white/neutral-toned hose will be worn with uniform pants. White/neutral-toned hose (no socks/socklets) will be worn with the uniform skirt.
- A name badge will be worn on the uniform at all times.
- Long-sleeved barrier gowns are worn during clinic sessions to protect the scrubs during selected procedures and activities in which uniforms may be contaminated.
- Short-sleeved white lab coats with name badge must be worn when functioning as an assistant or during radiology lab.

Jewelry

- A wedding ring/set may be worn. Wedding ring stones that are large are not recommended as they may tear through gloves and compromise asepsis for self and patients. **No other rings are acceptable.**
- A watch with a second-hand is acceptable. No bracelets are allowed.
- Modest or simple necklaces may be worn.
- Body Piercings
 - Earrings: Small earrings – limited to two per ear are acceptable. For your own safety, hoops or dangling-off-the-earlobe earrings are not allowed.
 - No other body piercings can be visible.

Personal Hygiene

- Make-up for women should appear professional and career oriented versus nighttime and social.
- Fingernails are to be clean, short, and smoothly rounded. Clear or pale-colored nail polish is acceptable. Artificial nails are not allowed.
- Good personal hygiene including a neutral smelling deodorant is expected. Perfume or cologne is not allowed in the clinical setting.
- Good oral hygiene is expected.
- Hair must be clean, off the collar, neat, and contained away from the face. Hair should not be falling in your face or into your field when working with a patient. Long hair must be secured.
- Students are to refrain from hair color trends (i.e., purple, blue, green stripes, etc.)
- Facial hair should be kept clean, trimmed, and neat.

Body/Art & Tattoos must be covered either by clothing or a bandage.

Eating, Drinking, or smoking is **Unacceptable** in the clinical area.

Chewing gum is **Unacceptable** in the clinical area.