

Policy Area
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Faculty of Dentistry **Student Dress Code Policy**

i. Objective

A proper attire and personal hygiene can always manifest the courteous and virtuous standards of the dental profession. Therefore, the students should be dressed professionally and appropriately at all-time to create a more genuine learning environment and provide a formal image for patients admitted at MSA Clinical units.

ii. Policy

1. Clothing

- Unaccepted dressing image:
 1. Skirts or shorts that are shorter than knee length
 2. See-through fabrics
 3. Sweatshirts and sweatpants
 4. Tank tops or halter tops
 5. Torn, threadbare or faded clothing
 6. Tight stretch pants
 7. Low cut necklines
 8. Clothing that reveal undergarments
- Tattoos are to be covered by clothing if possible.
- Colognes, perfumes and aftershaves should be applied minimally.

iii. Preclinical Attire

- **Lab coats must be worn in pre-clinical sessions.**
- IDs must be hanged on your Lab coats
- Clean SHORT fingernails with no nail polish are **MUST** in Dental Preclinical Sessions.
- No hats or sunglasses are allowed inside labs/Simulators
- No Chewing Gums inside Labs/Simulators

iv. Clinical Attire

All students are required to wear Dark blue or navy full scrubs in the clinics.

- IDs must be hanged on your scrub.
- Scrubs must be in perfect shape.
- Footwear should be clean and neat with no open toes or heels
- Clean SHORT fingernails with no nail polish are **MUST** in dental clinics.
- No hats or sunglasses are allowed inside clinics.
- Hair **MUST** be tied.
- All watches, necklaces and other jewelry must be covered by protective barriers.
- No Chewing Gums inside clinics
- Medical Expressions only are allowed to be used Infront of patients
- No wondering in clinic with gloves on

2. Personal Hygiene

Personal hygiene must be maintained in a manner that does not interfere with the care of patients and violate infection control policies.

3. Hair

- Hair (including facial hair) should be clean, neatly trimmed and well maintained.
- Long hair and religious or cultural head coverings must be neatly secured such that they do not interfere with the field of vision or contact patients during treatment.
- To minimize contamination, it is recommended that surgical caps be worn during invasive procedures that are likely to result in splattered blood or other body fluids

such as sonic or ultrasonic scaling, surgical procedures, use of rotary or ultrasonic instruments, or operative dentistry resulting in blood splatter.

4. Fragrance

Students should avoid wearing any product that produces a scent that is strong enough to be detected by others. This includes, but is not limited to: colognes, perfumes, after-shave products, lotions, deodorants, hair products and other personal products.

5. Fingernails

Fingernails should be trimmed, clean and well groomed. Artificial nails are discouraged as they have been implicated in bacterial and fungal infections.

6. Tattoos

Newly received tattoos must be covered with gauze until the tattoo has healed.

7. Jewelry

- Rings that compromise clinical protective barriers may not be worn in clinic.
- All watches, necklaces and other jewelry must be covered by protective barriers.
- Facial piercings may not be worn in clinic except for religious piercings.

8. Shoes

- Shoes must provide safe, secure footing and offer protection against hazards.
- Tennis shoes are permitted.
- Sandals and open-toed shoes are not permitted.
- Shoes that are scuffed, dirty, or have holes in them are not permitted.
- It is recommended that shoes worn in clinics, preclinic, or labs be impermeable and cleanable.

Dress code enforcement

Students in violation of the dress code or the guidelines above may be asked to change into appropriate attire. Repeated violations will subject the student to disciplinary actions.

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