

# Clinical Dress Code

The Faculty of Bryan College of Health Sciences believe it is necessary to address the issue of a dress code for the following reasons; 1) client safety, 2) need for asepsis, and 3) projection of a professional image. It is believed by the Faculty that a professional image is important to convey knowledge, skill and authority of the healthcare provider. You are encouraged to observe the culture in which you work and act and dress accordingly. In consideration of the above, the Faculty have established the following criteria.

## Sonography

During skills lab and clinical time, you are to wear the following:

- The College patch affixed on all white/navy lab coats and scrub tops over the left chest area.
- Dress pants, business casual top, and a white/navy lab coat **OR**
- Dresses at least knee length and a lab coat **OR**
- Skirts (at least knee length), business casual top, and a white lab coat **OR**
- Plain navy blue scrubs (no lab coat needed). Pant legs must not touch the floor
- Footwear: No opened-toed shoes are permitted in the clinical settings. Clean, predominately white, grey, or black in color.
- Keep jewelry at a minimum during the lab and clinical times. Bracelets and necklaces may not be worn. If rings are worn, only one may be worn on each hand. They are to be removed if they jeopardize medical asepsis or patient safety.
- In addition to the above guidelines, students must comply with all dress code policies of any external clinical sites they attend.

## All Students

**Name Tag:** A name tag must be worn during all school activities.

**Body Piercing:** Visible body piercing is limited to the ears. One earring in each lower lobe is allowed. Earrings must be plain and not to exceed ¼ inch in size. No hoops are allowed. No rings/studs/hoops may be visible from alternate body piercing sites.

**Nails:** Length and condition of natural nails will be conducive to safety and effective hand washing. Artificial nails may not be worn, this includes shellac and appliques. Polish may be worn if it is in a muted color (i.e. natural, beige, light pink). Nail polish will not be chipped, cracked or peeling.

**Hair:** Hair color (including facial hair) must be neat, clean, of natural color, and project a professional appearance. Hair must be confined in a fashion so as not to fall in the face when bent over or within a surgical cap as appropriate.

**Aftershave, cologne, perfume:** Aftershave, cologne, or perfume should not be worn when having direct patient contact.

**Personal Hygiene:** Good personal hygiene is mandatory at all times. Clothing should be free of strong odors.

Gum chewing is not allowed in the clinical area.