



POLICY: Student Dress Policy

Ethical Principles Underlying Expected Student Dress for Practicum Placement

Students are responsible for presenting themselves appropriately during a practicum placement.

Principles include:

- Do no harm – It is the responsibility of students to comply with the dress code in order to minimize harm to the public (including preventing the spread of infection).
- Respect for persons – It is the responsibility of students to respect the dignity of each person. Student personal attire should not offend clients (e.g., no low cut, revealing clothing; need to cover extensive tattoos).
- Diversity – It is the responsibility of students to respect client diversity (e.g., related to gender, culture, age, and sexuality).
- Autonomy – It is the student's responsibility to be appropriately attired for the practice setting. Student self-determination and self-expression must be balanced against the ethical principles of doing no harm, and respect for the dignity and diversity of all persons.

Principles for the Regulations of the Dress Code

- Complies with Occupational Health and Safety standards
- Complies with No Scent Policy¹ (applicable in some organizations)
- Complies with the standards set by the applicable organization for each practicum.

Requirements for appropriate dress include:

- A Faculty of Health Sciences name tag must be worn by all public health students.
- Students must carry appropriate identification (e.g., U of L student ID).
- Students are expected to abide by the dress codes of the organizations in which they are placed for a practicum.

Check with your faculty advisor about expected dress for your practicum setting. Settings for practicum placement will vary and may include community organizations and health care facilities.

¹ Some organizations have a policy banning all perfume or scent in the workplace to prevent those with allergies from being exposed to allergens.