

Carolinas College of Health Sciences
Radiation Therapy Program
Clinical Practicum Dress Code Policy

The student's personal appearance and demeanor should appropriately reflect the professional standards of the Radiation Therapy program. First impressions are critical when meeting patients and their families and may influence the professional rapport the student is able to establish with them. Equally important is how students are regarded by program faculty and/or clinical staff who may provide future job references, become an employer or a colleague. The student's appearance and hygiene are personal and professional characteristics that will be evaluated throughout the program.

Students entering a clinical affiliate (for class/lab or clinical practicum) must comply with the Clinical Practicum Dress Code Policy:

- Students must wear the official College-approved scrub uniform and lab coat.
- The scrub uniform and lab coat must be manufactured by the College-approved vendor, be the specified color, be of the specified styles and be embroidered with the CCHS logo.
- Scrub uniforms and lab coats must be clean, wrinkle free and in good repair.
- Scrub tops must be worn outside the scrub pants (Do not tuck tops into pants).
- Scrub pant length must fall at the level of the top of the shoe.
- Scrub pants must be hemmed to the appropriate length (No rolling-up the cuff).
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn, and must not be visible.
- Male students must wear a solid white shirt, with no logos, under the scrub uniform top. May be a T-shirt or long-sleeved shirt.
- Female students may wear a solid white shirt, with no logos, under the scrub uniform top. May be a T-shirt or long-sleeved shirt.
- Clean, un-scuffed solid white athletic shoes that are leather or fluid-impermeable (No canvas, mesh, or cloth).
- Shoes must be closed toe and closed heel (No clogs or Crocs).
- No sole height greater than two (2) inches.
- Solid white hosiery or solid white trouser length socks must be worn (No bare feet, footies or anklets).
- The College-issued ID badge must be worn above the waist and be clearly visible. If the student is assigned to Caromont Regional (CRMC), the student must wear both the College-issued and CRMC-issued ID badges.
- The College-issued radiation monitoring device must be worn at waist level or above on the anterior aspect of the body; collar is most common location.
- Students must have the appropriate clinical devices (Pocket-sized notepad, calculator, ruler, black pen, Sharpie or other permanent marker and their clinical notebook).
- Hair should be clean, neat and worn in a manner which does not interfere with clinical performance.
- Hair (short or long) that falls toward the face when the head is bent must be pulled back from the face with a band, clip or plain barrette (no hair bows).
- Extreme or unconventional hairstyles and hair colors are prohibited.
- Males should be clean shaven; if beard or moustache is grown, it must be clean and well groomed.
- Nail length must not extend beyond the fingertips and must not interfere with clinical performance.
- Nails must be clean and polish free.
- Artificial nails or any substances overlaid on the natural nails are prohibited (Acrylic, gels, bonding, silk wraps, tapes, extensions, stick-on, etc.).
- Makeup must be moderate with natural skin-toned colors only.
- Perfume, body sprays, lotion, cologne, aftershave, scented hairspray and other scents are prohibited.
- Smoking and use of tobacco products is prohibited.
- Jewelry must be conservative and not interfere with clinical performance, ability to communicate or

pose a safety threat.

- Visible body piercings (except earrings) or piercings that noticeably impair speech are prohibited.
- Earrings are limited to two (2) matching sets.
- Earrings must be post-stud style and be less than one-half inch in diameter (No clip-on, hoop, teardrop or gauge).
- A maximum of three (3) rings is permitted.
- Necklaces, bracelets and ankle bracelets are prohibited. A wristwatch (preferably with a second hand) may be worn.
- No other jewelry may be worn with the exception of medic alert jewelry.
- Tattoos must be covered by clothing.

Failure to comply with Dress Code Policy will be handled as follows:

1. First (1st) infraction: the faculty member will notify the student verbally and in writing of the violation, dismiss the student from the facility and document an unexcused absence. The notification will be kept in the student's academic file.
2. Second (2nd) infraction: the student will be dismissed from the facility and placed on probation. Additional infractions or failure to meet program objectives of any sort, while on probation, will result in a recommendation for administrative dismissal

For additional information: See the Student Grievance and Appeal Policy located in the College Catalog.