Dental Hygiene Student Clinical Dress Code Standard  
(Laboratory, Clinic, Radiology)

For Lab policies and safety, refer to the SCDH Exposure Control Manual

UNIFORMS:

a. Laboratory: Lab coats should be worn to each lab session.
b. Clinic: Students wear selected clinic uniforms and lab coats with name badge during all clinic sessions.
c. Barrier gowns are used for clinic sessions to protect scrubs and for patient safety. All skin (arms, wrists, hands, etc.) must be covered. During warmer weather, white tank tops worn under the barrier gown for women are acceptable as long as they remain within the dress code standards.
d. Radiology: Students may wear selected clinic uniforms and a lab coat with name badges.
e. White shoes (impervious to fluids) are worn during clinic sessions. They must be closed toe and heal.

PROFESSIONAL CLINIC APPEARANCE:

Students who come to the clinical area improperly groomed or attired will be asked to go home and change; or dismissed for the day - this will be considered a clinical absence.

- The Student will wear a plain, wrinkle-free, uniform, appropriate in fit for the size of the individual, and with appropriate undergarments. Your name badge is always worn.
- A watch with a second-hand, colored pens, and eye protection are necessary.
- White socks may be worn with uniform pants.
- Clean, white, leather shoes are worn with the uniform. Clogs and open-heeled shoes are not acceptable. Shoes must have closed toe and heal.
- A white lab coat must be worn, with a nametag that is fully visible, in the clinical area when assisting or during radiology lab. Skin (arms, wrists, hands, etc. but be covered. The white lab coat must be washed after every wearing.
• Jewelry
  a. A wedding set for married students. Wedding ring stones that are large are not recommended as they may tear the student’s gloves.
  b. A watch with a second hand no bracelets.
  c. Modest necklaces and/or small earrings – limited to 2 earrings per ear.
  d. No facial, oral and/or tongue jewelry.

• Fingernails are to be short and smoothly rounded. Clear or pale colored nail polish can be worn. No artificial (acrylic) nails are acceptable.

• Male students will wear appropriate scrubs and white shoes. Facial hair should be kept trimmed and neat.

• Good personal hygiene including a deodorant is expected. Perfume or cologne may NOT be worn. Good oral hygiene practice should be followed.

• Hair must be clean, neat and contained away from the face. Hair will be worn up during all clinic sessions. Your hair should not be falling in your face or into your field when working with the patient. No wet hair.

• Chewing gum is UNACCEPTABLE in the clinical area.

• Eating, drinking, or smoking is UNACCEPTABLE in the clinical area.