

Faculty of Health

Work Integrated Learning Student Health Clinic Uniform

Section 1 - Purpose

This guideline establishes the dress requirements for both students participating in Work Integrated Learning (WIL) and supervisors overseeing students within the Southern Cross University (SCU) Student Health Clinic.

Section 2 - Scope

This guideline applies to all students across all courses who are placed in the SCU Student Health Clinic for mandatory WIL and their respective supervisors.

Section 3 - Policy

WIL within the Faculty is guided by the [WIL Framework](#), which provides guidance and assistance to staff involved in the design, delivery, administration, and evaluation of WIL. The [WIL Procedures](#) have been developed in accordance with this Framework and inform how the University:

- Establishes and monitors its WIL partners;
- Supports students to have an optimal WIL experience;
- Manages performance and conduct issues that arise during WIL activities;
- Monitors and quality assures its WIL activities; and
- Supports compliance

Section 4 - Guideline Statement

Professional dress standards are important to maintain a professional and welcoming environment for consumers attending the SCU Student Health Clinic. Students and supervisors attending the SCU Student Health Clinic must abide by the uniform requirements as set out in this guideline. In addition, students sign the Student Orientation document at the commencement of every year, which outlines directions for uniform requirements.

Supervisor responsibility

It is the responsibility of supervisors to ensure students are adhering to the SCU Student Health Clinic requirements and are requested to remind students regularly of the professional dress code and where relevant, uniform requirements. If a student attending a shift is in breach of this guideline, it is reasonable for the supervisor to refuse to allow the student to commence or complete the shift until action has been taken to ensure adherence.

Personal Hygiene and Grooming

Personal hygiene is essential for both students and supervisors to ensure a professional presentation to consumers. Please avoid strong perfumes or colognes, as some patients or staff may be sensitive to fragrances. Hair should be neat, well-groomed and long hair always tied back neatly. Beards should be trimmed and well-maintained. Makeup should be minimal and professional.

Clothing

All clothing must meet all appropriate Work Health and Safety (WHS) requirements for particular tasks undertaken during student clinics. Clothing must be in good condition and clothes with discernible rips, tears and holes are not permitted. Clothes should be clean, ironed and free from stains.

Osteopathy, Exercise Physiology, Podiatry, Podorthotics, Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy

Students within these disciplines must wear the SCU Student Health Clinic uniform as described below:

- SCU polo shirt that can be purchased from [School Locker](#).
- Full-length black scrub pants with either elastic or non-elastic hem. Examples are available [online](#).
- Knee-length black shorts that allow movement for Exercise Physiology students only.
- Black leather fully enclosed low-heeled shoes (as per laboratory standard) that are clean and polished. Examples are available [online](#) and include black leather sneakers.
- Plain black jumper, vest or cardigan (no hooded jumpers permitted).

Social Work, Psychology, Counselling and Naturopathy

Students within these disciplines are not required to wear the SCU Student Health Clinic uniform. Instead, students **must wear** professional and modest attire that is not revealing, including:

- Collared shirts and blouses
- Dress pants
- Knee-length skirts

Students **are not permitted** to wear:

- T-shirts, singlets or low-cut tops
- Leggings, denim, jeans, shorts or short skirts
- Leisure/active-wear
- Sneakers (other than black leather sneakers) or open-toed shoes

Jewellery and Accessories

Students and supervisors must keep jewellery minimal, professional and avoid wearing large or distracting accessories. Students and supervisors should also limit piercings and avoid wearing hand or wrist jewellery, including excessive rings or bracelets that could interfere with clinical tasks.

Safety and Infection Control

All students and supervisors must adhere to any specific infection control dress standards, such as wearing gloves, masks, or protective eyewear when required.