

Medical and Laboratory Science uniform requirements

What to wear on work integrated learning (WIL) placements

Students participating in Work Integrated Learning (WIL) must follow these uniform requirements. Students who do not comply may be sent away from their allocated site.

Personal hygiene and grooming

Personal hygiene is essential for students to present professionally to consumers. Please avoid strong perfumes or colognes, as some patients or staff may be sensitive to fragrances.

Hair should be neat and well-groomed, and long hair always tied back neatly. Beards should be trimmed and well-maintained. Make-up should be minimal and professional. Artificial eyelashes and/or nails must not be worn. Nails must be clean, well-manicured and no longer than your fingertip.

Clothing

All clothing must meet the relevant Work Health and Safety (WHS) requirements for tasks undertaken during WIL. Clothing must be in good condition — visible rips, tears and holes are not permitted. Clothes should be clean, ironed and free from stains.

Students must wear:

- SCU polo shirt, available from [Mediscrubs](#)
- full-length navy/black pants with an elastic or non-elastic hem, or knee-length tailored professional shorts, skirt or culottes that allow movement — preferred styles are available from [Mediscrubs](#), but other styles are also accepted
- black leather, fully enclosed, low-heeled shoes (as per laboratory standard) that are clean and polished — see [examples](#), which include black leather sneakers
- SCU student [ID card](#).

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
- outerwear, including jumpers, vests or cardigans, due to infection control procedures.

Jewellery and accessories

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

Safety and infection control

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

Students should also be aware of and follow the [Bare Below the Elbows](#) initiative.