

SCU Student Health Clinic uniform

Dress requirements for students and supervisors on work integrated learning

1. Purpose

This guideline sets out the dress requirements for students participating in Work Integrated Learning (WIL), and for supervisors overseeing students, at the Southern Cross University (SCU) Student Health Clinic.

2. Scope

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

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 line with this Framework and set out 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.

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 clinic must follow the uniform requirements in this guideline. Students also sign the Student Orientation document at the start of every year, which outlines the uniform requirements.

Supervisor responsibility

Supervisors are responsible for making sure students follow the SCU Student Health Clinic requirements, and are asked 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 let the student start or complete the shift until the issue has been fixed.

Personal hygiene and grooming

Personal hygiene is essential for both students and supervisors 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.

Clothing

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

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

Students in these disciplines must wear the SCU Student Health Clinic uniform:

- SCU polo shirt, available from [Mediscrubs](#)
- full-length black scrub pants with an elastic or non-elastic hem — preferred styles are available from [Mediscrubs](#), or see [alternative examples](#)
- knee-length black shorts that allow movement (Exercise Physiology students only)
- black leather, fully enclosed, low-heeled shoes (as per laboratory standard) that are clean and polished — see [examples](#), which include black leather sneakers
- plain black jumper, vest or cardigan (hooded jumpers are not permitted).

Social Work, Psychology, Counselling and Naturopathy

Students in these disciplines are not required to wear the SCU Student Health Clinic uniform. Instead, students **must wear** professional, 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 and professional, and avoid large or distracting accessories. They 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 and supervisors must follow any specific infection control dress standards, such as wearing gloves, masks or protective eyewear when required.