

ADDENDUM TO CLASS 2023 STUDENT HANDBOOK
effective August 15, 2022

STUDENT DRESS CODE

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DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE

It is essential that a high level of personal hygiene and appearance reflect a commitment to professional medical imaging. The clinical education centers require that students meet the agencies' dress code and standards, be appropriately attired, identifiable and maintain a high level of personal hygiene and grooming. Therefore, guidelines regarding the type of attire to be worn have been established by the program in consultation and agreement with the clinical agency's rules and regulations regarding dress code. As students, your physical presentation and professional demeanor are a direct reflection on Santa Rosa Junior College and our Radiologic Technology Program. In establishing these guidelines, infection control, safety and professionalism have been the primary concern.

The following dress and personal grooming standards will be expected of all students in the R.T. program:

1. **Uniforms:** must be clean and well pressed. Male and female students will wear matching “scrub type” pants and tops in the approved medium gray color with the RT program logo sewn on the left sleeve. A white lab coat that has the RT program logo sewn on the left sleeve or the class purchased over the uniform.

At all times the uniform or lab coat must have the SRJC RT student logo visible.

White, gray or black colored apparel that is free of decoration may be worn beneath the uniform.

2. **Photo I.D. Name Tag:** All RT student radiographers are required to wear the official SRJC RT photo ID name tag which designates their name and status while in the clinical area. Pay fee to SRJC Accounting Department. Bring receipt to Health Sciences office where photo I.D. will be made at scheduled times. If you misplace badges, you must pay for a replacement (see Health Sciences staff for the purchase of new badges).
3. **Personnel monitoring devices:** Dosimeters are supplied by Instadose and will be assigned to students prior to starting their clinical rotation. These are to be appropriately worn at all times while in the clinical affiliate or lab. Students are responsible for reading them by the last day of every month. The cost of these devices is built in the annual lab fees. Lost dosimeters are replaced by the student with a fee that is to be paid

to the dosimeter company. Broken dosimeters are replaced at no charge.

4. **Shoes:** Shoes must be comfortable, clean, and in good repair. Leather shoes or athletic shoes are allowed if they are conservative in style and free of any decoration. No garish colors and/or contrasting laces. No boots are allowed. No open-toe or open-heel, heels or sandal-type shoes are allowed because of OSHA and Worker's Compensation regulations.
5. **Jewelry and Accessories:** No jewelry except a small ring may be worn on the finger and a wristwatch with a second hand. One small pair of plain earrings in the ear lobe, but no “dangling” earrings. If visible, body jewelry should be covered or removed. Sunglasses or decorative glasses are not allowed to be worn unless approved by the clinical facility and are not allowed to be worn in class or labs.
6. **Hats and Hair:** Hair must be clean and all long hair must be pulled back. No hair should touch the shoulders or fall forward into sterile or patient care fields. Hair shall be suitable, neat in appearance, not a safety or infection control hazard, and not interfere with patient care delivery. Hair must not require frequent adjustment to conform to this policy. Hair should not block the student’s vision when bending forward and shall not fall forward into sterile fields when doing procedures. Extreme hairstyles, including hair color that is not naturally occurring (i.e. pink, blue, etc.) are not allowed in the clinical setting.

Students who have facial hair must have it neatly trimmed. If N95 masks are required, facial hair must be removed to provide the proper fit for the mask as necessary.

Hats may not be worn in class, lab nor in clinical.

If the student’s assigned clinical site has a more stringent dress-code, the student is expected to comply.

7. **Nails and Makeup:** Nails must be short, clean, and unpolished. Natural nails should be less than ¼ inch in length. Based on CDC and WHO guidelines, **no acrylic, gel or artificial nails allowed.** The covered nail may hide fungal infections, and chipped polish or gels that have not been backfilled may provide harboring crevices for bacteria which can be passed on to patients.

Makeup should be limited and muted, no extreme eye, brow, cheek or lip colors. **To ensure effective infection control and patient safety, false eyelashes or similar products may not be worn in skills labs or clinical agencies.**

8. **Tattoos:** If visible, tattoos should be covered while in class or lab. Students will follow clinical facility policy regarding tattoos.
9. **Odors:** Both on campus and in the clinical setting, students must be free of odors which may be offensive or could cause allergic reactions. These include, but are not limited

to: body/unwashed hair odors, tobacco, perfume, perfumed powders and lotions, hair sprays, cologne and after-shave. Students may not smoke during breaks on campus or in the clinical setting since the odor of tobacco lingers in hair and clothing and can cause reactions in sensitive individuals. Smoking is prohibited on SRJC campus.

Students who are inappropriately dressed will be counseled, asked to leave and directed to return to in proper attire. Such leave because of violation will not be counted as an excused absence, clinical hours nor emergency leave and will result in student remediation. Any further non-compliance of the above policy will result in the student being placed on probation and could be grounds for suspension from didactic, lab or clinical education and eventual dismissal from the program.

When in the clinical environment, students must wear the approved uniform and dress professionally with the SRJC RT photo I.D. name tag and SRJC RT logo visible and adhere to the above requirements.

Students will have the following items in their possession at all times when in the clinical setting, while on campus X-ray lab or the campus Nursing Skills lab:

- ✓ A set of personalized positioning markers. The program director will direct you to a source to obtain these.
- ✓ A personnel monitoring device (radiation dosimeter)
- ✓ SRJC Photo ID nametag.
- ✓ Approved SRJC Radiologic Technology scrubs uniform

The SRJC RT uniform and photo I.D. name tag should not be worn by any student outside of the clinical experience or approved RT program functions.

Santa Rosa Junior College and its clinical affiliates are not responsible for loss of valuables.