

Medical Radiation Science Clinical Uniform Policy

The following clinical uniform policy applies to any student attending clinical placement within the Medical Radiation Science Programs (Medical Imaging, Radiation Therapy or Nuclear Medicine). The clinical uniform policy is enforced to ensure students have a professional appearance and adhere to infection control policies.

The following attire must be worn during your clinical experience:

AU Polo Top

- Can be worn tucked in or over **trousers, skirt or cargo pants**.
- Must cover entire torso.



OR

AU Scrub Top

- Can be worn tucked in or over **AU scrub or cargo pants**.
- Must cover entire torso.



Bare below the elbow

- Students should be **bare below the elbow** during clinical practice for infection control.
- If students have **cultural or medical reasons** that require coverage below the elbow, this will need to be **discussed with Course Coordinator** in advance of attending placement.

Below the waist

- Colour: Navy or Black.
- **If AU polo worn:** Dress trousers, cargo pants or knee length straight skirt (no frills or asymmetric hem lines).
- **If AU scrub top worn:** AU scrub or cargo pants.
- Jeans, corduroy or leggings **are not acceptable**.

Acceptable examples



Footwear

- Colour: Navy or Black.
- Fully enclosed shoes.
- Minimal heel height.
- Sport shoes or sneakers are allowed but must be predominantly black or navy (white soles are acceptable).
- Ugg boots/slippers of any type are not acceptable.
- Any socks or stockings – ensure no offensive material is visible on them.

Examples of acceptable footwear



Examples of unacceptable footwear



Fingernails

- Artificial nails, nail jewellery applied to the nail surface or pierced through the nail, appliques, tips, wraps, gels or acrylics **are not permitted** due to infection control policies.
- Fingernails should be kept trimmed, clean and neatly manicured.
- Nails should be free from nail polish.

Jewellery

- Acceptable jewellery includes plain wedding band ring, plain earrings (i.e. studs/sleepers) and medic-alert bracelet.
- Removal of these items may be required for certain clinical activities **at the discretion of your clinical site**.
- All other jewellery **is not permitted**.

Hair and hair coverings

- Hair: must be off the face and neatly tied back if longer than collar length.
- Facial hair: must be clean, neat and tidy.
- Head scarves, hijabs, turbans or a similar hair covering must blend with uniform colours and be secured **at the discretion of your clinical site.**

Other considerations

- Students are advised to **contact their Course Coordinator** prior to attending clinical placement for any site-specific policies relating to:
 - Visible tattoos or body art that may be considered extensive and/or offensive
 - Extensive facial piercings
 - Jewellery of religious or cultural significance

Identification, Luxel and Protective Clothing

- The AU identification name badge **must** be prominently displayed at all times.
- A university-issued luxel **must** be worn at all times as per [AU luxel policy](#).
- Protective clothing may be worn **at the discretion of the clinical site.**

Please note:

- Local clinical site requirements may supersede the AU clinical uniform policy.
- If a student does not comply with the stated Uniform Policy, the Clinical Supervisor may require them to leave the clinical site until they do comply.
- Failure to comply with the AU uniform policy or seek prior approval to alter the uniform may be deemed as unprofessional/unsafe. It may result in a fail grade for the clinical course.
- Please consult your course coordinator in advance of attending clinical placement if you wish to vary this uniform policy due to personal or cultural reasons.

	Accepted?	Not Accepted?	Student needs to contact Course Coordinator in advance of placement?	Is at the discretion of the clinical site once on placement?
AU Polo shirt	✓ AU Polo shirt - short sleeves	✗ Non-AU polo	No	No
AU Scrub Top	✓ AU Scrub Top	✗ Non-AU scrub top	No	No
Cardigan or jumper (generic make and colour)	✓ To and from clinical placement and during breaks only	✗ Whilst undertaking examinations	No	No
Vests (generic make)	✓ To and from clinical placement and during breaks only	✗ Whilst undertaking examinations	No	No
Trousers	✓ Navy or black ✓ Dress trouser style (if wearing polo) ✓ Scrub pants (if wearing scrub top) ✓ Cargo pants	✗ Any other colour ✗ Jeans ✗ Corduroy ✗ Leggings	No	No
Skirts	✓ Navy or black ✓ Knee length ✓ Straight fit	✗ Any other colours ✗ Frills ✗ Asymmetrical hem lines	No	No
Footwear	✓ Navy or black with navy, black or white soles ✓ Fully enclosed ✓ Minimal heel height	✗ Open toed ✗ Non-enclosed ✗ Platforms ✗ High heels ✗ Any other colour ✗ Ugg boots or slippers	No	No
Jewellery	✓ Stud or sleeper earrings ✓ Plain wedding band ✓ Medic-alert Bracelet	✗ All other jewellery	Yes For jewellery of religious or cultural significance	Course coordinator to liaise with clinical site
Hair/hair coverings	✓ Off of face ✓ Tied back – if longer than collar length ✓ Head scarves, hijabs, turbans that blend with uniform colours	-	No	Yes For securing of head scarves, hijabs, turbans for certain clinical activities
Fingernails	✓ Trimmed	✗ Artificial nails ✗ Nail jewellery ✗ Nail polish	No	No
Visible Tattoos	-	-	Yes	Course coordinator to liaise with clinical site
Extensive facial piercings	-	-	Yes	Course coordinator to liaise with clinical site
Jewellery of religious or cultural significance	-	-	Yes	Course coordinator to liaise with clinical site
*** Note that local clinical site requirements may supersede the AU clinical uniform policy outlined as above***				