

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER -  
SHREVEPORT

**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL DRESS GUIDELINES**

Purpose:

To establish minimal acceptable standards of dress for employees of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Shreveport.

Policy:

1. LSUHSC-S identification badges must be worn while on duty, displayed on the front portion of the outer garment, clearly visible and not obscured in any way. (See Hospital policy 3.9)
2. No sweat suits, shorts, athletic wear or non-approved lab jackets/scrub suits may be worn (see individual department policy for definition.)
3. Hats, bandannas, sweatbands, or headgear (including earphones, radios, cellular phones, or any entertainment device) are not allowed while on duty unless required for safety or as part of the uniform.
4. No sleeveless (muscle) shirts may be worn. T-shirts may be worn in some departments (see department dress code) but must be free of slogans and objectionable language.
5. Halter or low-cut tops are not permitted.
6. See through apparel is not allowed.
7. Jeans, including colored jeans, may be worn if the employee has no patient contact as part of their duties. They should be neat, clean and free of holes or patches. Individual departments may elect to ban jeans.
8. No shorts or spandex attire shall be permitted. Skorts and culottes are permitted if they are appropriate in length and present a professional appearance.
9. Shoes are to be neat and clean. Tennis shoes are acceptable unless not permitted by safety regulations. Open toed shoes may

be worn unless prohibited by Infection Control or Safety regulations or department policy. Thongs are prohibited.

10. Make-up, jewelry, and cologne/perfume shall not be excessive so as to cause disruption to patients or co-workers. Jewelry that poses a safety or infection risk shall not be worn.
11. Novelty buttons and badges with slogans are prohibited.
12. Hairstyles, beards and mustaches are to be clean, well groomed and conform to infection control and safe work practices.
13. Dress and personal hygiene, which are considered in poor taste or disruptive to an organization, may be addressed by the supervisor as a violation.
14. Fingernails shall be kept short, clean, neatly manicured, and not extend past the fingertips. Artificial nails and nail extenders are prohibited during patient care for high-risk patients including: ICU's, BMT, OR, L&D and when caring for patients in neutropenic isolation. Nail polish is prohibited in all operating rooms, NICU and the LU.
15. Specific departmental requirements shall be followed.



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Administrator

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