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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Expectations of Appropriate Dress

Students are required to dress professionally and appropriately at all times as they will be working with the public and other health professionals. “Business casual” attire is appropriate in most clinical settings. **Scrubs are appropriate in a hospital setting and will be provided by the hospital if required.** Professional dress requires attention to hair and jewelry. Jeans are generally not acceptable; nor are low-cut or revealing tops. Shoes should be sturdy and comfortable, given the length of some clinical encounters. The same guidelines apply when students are attending hospital rounds and meetings and going to and from clinical work. Students are encouraged to confirm such requirements with preceptors, with regard to the expected dress code for their practice, community and local hospital.

Students are reminded that they may be working with pregnant individuals with body image issues. In addition, some communities may have specific expectations and comfort levels related to modesty in attire. Midwifery students are required to respect what is considered socially acceptable in the community they are working in, and respect specific customs of clients and their families when working in their homes.