

Clarification on Dress Code Policy

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology students are expected to wear attire which conforms to a professional image. The Audiology and Speech-Language Clinics are settings where patients/clients, other professionals, and the general public form an impression based on our appearance and conduct. Being appropriately dressed and well-groomed exemplify professional behavior and are expected at all times. Safety and comfort concerns for both the patient/client and student clinician also drive the need for dress modifications in the clinical setting, as determined by clinical educators/preceptors.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Acceptable</i>	<i>Unacceptable</i>
Attire	Business casual; clothing should cover the midriff, chest, and lower back areas, even when the student bends over or sits down; slacks and collared shirts are appropriate for males; footwear should be appropriate for a professional setting	Jeans, shorts, sweats, exercise pants, T-shirts with logos/slogans, clothing which exposes undergarments, short skirts, flip flops, or tennis shoes
Body art and tattoos	Visible forms of body art and tattoos appropriate in content	Tattoos with graphics or wording that may be considered offensive must be covered
Body odor	Students must be physically clean (including oral hygiene, hair, and fingernails)	Applied fragrances such as perfumes, aftershaves, strong-scented lotions; pervasive body odors such as smoke or sweat
Facial hair	Neat and trimmed facial hair	
Fingernails	Fingernails should be clean, well groomed, and an appropriate length; polish is permitted	Nail decals and nail jewelry
Hair	Hair should be well-groomed and conservative in color (natural color, not necessarily your color)	
Identification	AuD students will wear white coat with embroidered name; all other students will wear lanyard with JMU JAC card	
Jewelry	Jewelry should be simple and not interfere with client/patient care, clinic performance, or safety; no more than two earrings per ear; post earrings, plugged ear gauges, and one facial surface piercing with stud jewelry are acceptable	Dangling earrings (safety reasons); other body or oral piercings (including microdermal implants) must be removed or covered
Skin	Skin that is intact and clean	Broken skin or areas that are bleeding or have the potential to bleed must be covered with an appropriate bandage