

UD Genetic Counseling Practicum

CODE OF CONDUCT

DRESS CODE AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE WHILE ON CLINICAL ROTATION

University of Delaware Genetic Counseling minors assume responsibility for their own attire while in the clinical setting. Each student is expected to present a professional appearance and attitude at all times. Each site has established guidelines for employee/students. In addition to abiding by the guidelines of the site at which their rotation occurs, each student must adhere to the following minimum guidelines of the University of Delaware Genetic Counseling program as described below.

- ❖ Attire should at all times be appropriate and acceptable for a professional hospital/clinical environment.
- ❖ Closed toe, flat shoes are required. Cloth shoes or open-toe shoes, jeans, t-shirts and sweatshirts or any other similar deviations from this dress code are not acceptable. CROC-like shoes with holes are not acceptable. Some clinical sites may require you to bring your own lab coat to the clinical site. Please check with them prior to your first day.
- ❖ Hairstyles touching or extending below the shoulder must be tied back.
- ❖ For safety reasons, most jewelry is limited. One or two pair(s) of small post earrings in the earlobes which do not extend below the ears is/are acceptable (no larger than 1 inch in any dimension, length or width). No earrings in the upper part of the ear, cartilage, etc. are permitted. Long necklaces or dangling bracelets are not acceptable. Jewelry associated with ANY facial piercing is not acceptable. Tongue piercings should be removed or utilize clear “retainers”. Visible tattoos must be covered (bandages, paper tape, turtleneck, shirt, etc.) Gauged ears must be covered (bandages, paper tape, etc.)
- ❖ For safety reasons, artificial nails and tips are not permitted. Modest nail polish is permitted, but must not be chipped, peeling, etc.
- ❖ The various clinical sites may have additional dress code requirements. The student must adhere to any additional requirements at that site.
- ❖ Each student is expected to present a professional appearance and attitude at all times.

CELLULAR PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones, laptops and other electronic devices are not considered appropriate for the clinical rotation experience. Their use should be limited to your car before entering the building. While in the hospital/clinic setting, cell phones should be maintained in the “off” or “quiet” mode. Best practice - leave locked in a safe place out of sight in your vehicle. Please check with your clinical instructor for additional guidelines.

TRANSPORTATION

Students must provide their own transportation to clinical sites during the clinical rotation period of the course. If a student encounters a problem, inform the instructor as soon as possible so that alternate arrangements (carpooling, public transportation) can be made. All students should enter into their cell phones the number(s) provided in the course manual for their clinical instructor(s).

I attest by my signature that I have read and will abide by this Code of Conduct:

Signature

Printed name

Date