



School of Medicine: Medical Student Dress Code

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The University of Nottingham welcomes the diversity of appearance that people from different religious and belief backgrounds can bring. However, there may be health and safety or professional considerations that would restrict certain modes of dress in particular contexts for example when working on placement. In such cases, it will be necessary for the university to consult with staff/students and placement providers who may be affected by a restriction.

Due to the nature of the course and profession, the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences has to adopt strict clothing guidelines. If you refer to the paragraphs below, these are excerpts from the Medical Student Contract all students must sign before commencing their course.

- I will not wear clothing obscuring my face in clinical and academic areas, except when required for health and safety reasons. I acknowledge that health and safety requirements may mean that for certain tasks I must wear specific items of clothing, such as overalls, face masks and protective clothing etc.
- I will adopt a “bare below the elbow” approach in clinical areas and areas used for clinical skills training, due to infection control procedures. This includes avoidance of jewellery.
- When attending clinical visits, I will dress smartly and not wear clothing that is likely to cause offense to the patients that I will encounter by being inappropriate or revealing. My clothing will also be visibly clean and I will ensure that my own clothing is regularly cleaned or laundered. High standards of personal hygiene are also expected.
- During my training, I will spend a significant amount of time working within different NHS Trusts and General Practices and I will comply fully with the dress codes of the Trusts or General Practices in which I am based.