

BOUCHER INSTITUTE POLICY

Policy Title: Professional Appearance and Dress Code Policy

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Related Procedure(s): BINM Intern Handbook - Dress Code Guidelines

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Introduction and Rationale

The Policy applies to all clinic interns and faculty members attending various practice settings including the Boucher Naturopathic Medical Clinic, external clinics, externships and preceptor sites.

The Policy aims to uphold the Institutes principles of excellence, adherence to professional standards, and to support and empower students. The Policy is intended to ensure that clinic interns are easily identified as part of the health care team, are professional, safe and do not place patients at risk. It is not intended to restrict dress.

Guiding Principles of the Policy

- Clinic faculty and interns must be clearly identifiable
- A professional image must be maintained in clinical practice settings
- Principles of infection prevention and control must be followed
- Students, patients, families and staff must be protected from potentially unsafe or harmful situations
- Student religious and cultural practices must be respected

*Considerations specific to individual needs must be discussed with the Associate Dean of Clinical Studies. Accommodations for religious and cultural practices are considered as long as the request aligns with the above guiding policy principles.