

### **Health and Social Care Uniform requirements**

The purpose of having a uniform is to ensure that all students present themselves in a professional manner reflective of the caring sector and industries.

There will be a requirement to wear a uniform which must be purchased from our approved supplier. Details will be confirmed at our later events throughout the summer to enable you to order the correct uniform.

All students will be required to attend placement and as such will be required to dress in a way that projects a professional image.

Presenting a professional image helps service users and patients have trust and confidence in their carer so it is important that students develop the necessary knowledge skills and behaviours to support this.

Uniforms have been introduced to help students in the Healthcare & Health Science department to meet professional industry standards. This may mean wearing a uniform if you are working in the care industry.

As a college we also have professional standards which are in line with those in the hospital and care sector and these will be mandatory throughout the year.

If you feel that you have exceptions to the dress code and uniform policy in relation to personal/faith/cultural requirements (i.e. the wearing of darkened glasses, adapted clothing to assist with disability, items of jewellery specific to faith) please speak to the Head of Department: Theresa Cope/Chloe Hammond-Programme Area Leader or one of the course tutors: Angela Fell or Kathryn Baker.

### **Uniform**

As part of your uniform, you will need to wear will smart black trousers or thick black leggings which can be purchased from any high street store. These must be plain and does not include cargo trousers, sports branded leggings or sports branded trousers.

Clinical uniform should only be worn when in the practical room in college and you will need to be appropriately presented. uniform will need to be washed (at 60°C or 140° to kill any bacteria) and ironed.

### **Footwear**

Footwear should be a lace up or slip-on trainer style full shoe with minimal sports branding, have a soft non-slip sole to minimise accidents. Suitable clean trainers are permitted and must be wipe cleanable and/or washable. They must be non-porous and be enclosed (no open shoes) and black in colour. Shoes advised are something such as Skechers with an arch fit. Working in the care industry requires long periods of time on your feet so appropriate footwear is crucial to long term health and well being and care of the back.

Shoes not permitted are converse or canvas shoes/high tops/sandals/boots/flip-flops/Uggs/crocs/high heels/court shoes/ballet pumps etc.



### **Personal Hygiene**

All students will be public facing so should always maintain a high level of personal hygiene and appearance, this includes being always clean and presentable.

### **Nails and Jewellery**

False nails are permitted in college however these must not exceed 1.5cm from the nail bed to the tip due to health and safety and practical activities in the wardroom. Any nail varnish should be in good condition.

Any false nails will not be permitted to be worn whilst on placement due to infection prevention and control.

Jewellery can include small studs and one facial piercing is acceptable i.e. nose stud or eyebrow bar.

### **Hair**

Hair must be a professional hair colour, be clean, well-groomed, and tidy, this should be off the collar, to reduce the incidence of bacterial growth around the collar.

Students should have their hair tied back (male and female students) if it falls below the collar. Longer ponytails must not be left loose and swinging and should be pinned up or fastened securely when in the practical room. A long fringe should be fastened back and prevented from swinging across the face. Long hair must be tied back during placement and for practical activities in the practical room.

This applies to all hairstyles and types, including extensions, wigs, hair pieces, extensions etc.

Males should ensure they are either clean shaven or facial hair must be well groomed, neatly trimmed or tidily secured.

### **Eyelashes**

False eyelashes are only acceptable if they are individual extensions which have been professionally applied- false stick lashes are not permitted due to infection prevention and control.

### **Electronic devices**

As of September 2024, the use of mobile phones and earphones will not be allowed in Healthcare and Health Science lessons.

This is primarily to ensure that learners are developing the skills to use their phone less, as in a clinical and care setting staff are not permitted to be on their phones as they are meant to be caring for patients and service users and distracts from learning.

Students will require a plastic envelope/wallet that zips or has a secure fastening with their name fully visible, and they will be asked to place this at the front of the class when in lessons.

## T-level only uniform order



**WEBSITE**



<https://lissport.co.uk/vwncsocialcare>

## Other course uniform order

T-level Foundation, PWASC and Level 2 will need this uniform.



## Other stationery

Learners will need to arrive at class with stationery as well as be dressed appropriately. It is important that learners are prepared for each lesson before starting their lessons.

- Pencil case filled with pens, pencils, highlighters, rubbers, ruler etc.
- Notebook
- Calculate (for Maths lessons)
- Plastic envelope (for phones when in classrooms as we are implementing a no-phone usage in all classrooms)
- Laptop if learners already own one