APPEARANCE GUIDELINES

Personal appearance is of major importance in the beauty industry. It will help you not only gain clientele, but also a job in a reputable salon. Salon-quality appearance should become a habit and a normal way of life. All adjustments to one’s personal appearance must be made before coming into the school. The school’s nail supplies, hair products and makeup are not to be used for one’s personal appearance. Refreshing of one’s appearance throughout the day may be necessary due to possible afternoon appearance checks.

- **Hair** – Nail Technology students must have their hair styled in a professional manner. Professional meaning updated fresh and an obvious styling attempt. Ponytails and the use of barrettes with no curl or style are not acceptable. Faculty does not require the changing of a student’s style, but will, at times, offer suggestions for a more “salonable” or trendy look.

- **Makeup** - Female students are required to wear attractive, pleasing makeup. Lip color is required. Male students must be free of stubble and keep facial hair well-trimmed.

- **Nail Care** - All students must keep their nails and cuticles well-manicured. Female students are required to wear colored polish or a French Manicure at all times, free of chips. Male students should maintain a buffed shine. If a student chooses to wear artificial nails, they must be maintained regularly outside of school.

- **Facial Piercing** – Small studs are allowed. Hoops and bars will not be permitted.

- **Body Tattoos** – In order to stay pleasing to all types of clientele, students will be required to conceal obscene/vulgar tattoos.

- **Hygiene** - Be particular about your personal hygiene including cleanliness, mouth hygiene, and use of deodorants. Hair must be clean.

- **Gum chewing and hickeys are not allowed.**

- **Uniform** - All uniforms must meet department specification. These specifications are clean, neat, unwrinkled uniforms and clean shoes. Our motto is “no pits, backs, boobs butts or bellies”. We suggest the student has multiple uniform options. There are 2 uniform choices for the nail technology program:

  1) One uniform choice is the casual option.
     - There are three Nail Technology T-shirt designs available for purchase through the cosmetology coordinator.
     - Profession-specific T-shirts are also acceptable with this uniform option. As long as the shirt is primarily black & white, a small splash of color will be permitted. No off- color, rude or suggestive statements/images will be allowed.
     - Solid black, knit pants should be purchased to accompany the program T-shirt. The pant should not be tight, thin or low-rise. They should be open at the bottom, not elastic. If in doubt, have pants approved by an instructor prior to removal of tags.
     - Black tennis shoes are to be worn with the casual look.
     - The pant should not be split along the bottom seam, unless hemmed.
     - Colored socks can be worn.
     - Appropriate undergarments (bras and underpants) need to be considered.
Tennis shoes must be leather or suede and 90% black. No high tops or open-backed shoes allowed unless a doctor’s note is presented.

2) The second uniform is a black & white professional, fun look that one can create to project a skilled image.

- The top worn can be black, white, grey or in combination. Silver will be permitted. All other colors are prohibited. Accessories can have color, just not clothing.
- The bottom garment needs to be black, black and white print (predominantly black) or dark grey. Solid white or light grey pants are unacceptable.
- Pants are not to drag the floor or be ripped.
- Please purchase clothes made of a professional, dressy fabric – no jeans, corduroy, athletic or casual material allowed. Tight knit is not permitted.
- Leggings can be worn, if the exposed leg is covered by hose.
- Skirt and dress shorts are to be at the top of the knee or longer when standing vertical.
- In this personal business of Nail Technology, it is important that one maintains a professional image, therefore, pantyhose or knee-highs must be worn over any exposed leg skin. Also, it is in one’s best interest that he/she becomes aware of his or her own body type and dresses accordingly and pleasingly for the public.
- Shoes are to be dressy and black, black with white accents or dark grey. Predominantly white, solid white or light grey shoes are not permitted.
- Due to Illinois state law, closed-toed shoes are required.
- If choosing a boot, leather & suede are the only fabric allowed. Fur is to be avoided.
- Shoes with a heel are preferred and also provide a more pleasing appearance. Open-backed, heeled shoes are permissible. Any size heel is allowed as long as they are not too uncomfortable. Students are not allowed to be barefoot in the school setting. Flat shoes can be worn, but will need to be a dressy, closed-toe shoe. Ballerina-type slippers are not appropriate.

Good Infraction – If an instructor feels a student has gone above and beyond a salon-quality look, a good infraction will be given in praise of the extra effort. “Good” infractions not used by the end of the grading period can be exchanged for incentives.

** Each day of your training will not result in a good or bad infraction.**