

Division Policies & Procedures

Subject: False Eyelashes in Clinical Education Settings **Effective date:** October 21, 2025

Responsibility: Faculty, Program Directors,
Clinical Coordinators **Review date:**

Purpose: To promote safety for patients, students, and faculty in all Health Professions educational settings. The use of false eyelashes can pose risks to infection control, professional appearance, and the integrity of personal protective equipment (PPE). This policy establishes consistent expectations across clinical, lab, skills, and simulation settings.

Policy: False eyelashes, eyelash extensions, magnetic lashes, or any adhesive-based lash applications are prohibited in all Health Professions division clinical learning environments, including, but not limited to:

- Clinical experiences in healthcare facilities
- On-campus laboratories
- Skills practice sessions
- Simulation experiences

Rationale:

1. **Infection Control:** False eyelashes can harbor bacteria and interfere with aseptic technique, creating unnecessary infection risk.
2. **Safety Concerns:** Lashes may dislodge and contaminate sterile fields or equipment.
3. **PPE Integrity:** False eyelashes can compromise the proper seal and function of protective eyewear and masks.
4. **Professional Standards:** Health care providers are expected to maintain a safe, professional appearance consistent with program expectations and facility and discipline standards.

Compliance:

- Students who arrive for a scheduled activity wearing false eyelashes will be required to remove them before participation.

- Failure to comply will result in being dismissed from the clinical, lab, skills, or simulation activity, which will count as an absence under program attendance policies.
- Repeated violations will be addressed according to the division and program professional behavior policies and disciplinary procedures.