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Ornamentation

Rationale

Employees represent not only themselves but their employer. The way we present ourselves shows our purpose and confidence while helping others be comfortable with our professional skills. We want to reflect a positive attitude and project confidence. For example, an elderly patient might be afraid of a nurse with gauges and tattoo sleeves; she might not be able to relax to receive proper care.

Objective

Help the Deseret Industries associate learn about and present a professional appearance in the workplace.

Potential Discussion Items

- Assess whether piercings are a safety concern for the Deseret Industries associate in his or her work environment.
- Research the policy on tattoos, piercings, and so on of a company the Deseret Industries associate will interview with, and share this information with him or her.
- Discuss what image the Deseret Industries associate is projecting by his or her ornamentation choices. What are the possible perceptions, and how can the associate positively influence those perceptions?

Suggested Resources

- Burton, David A., "I Have a Question: Is there anything wrong with getting a tattoo or body piercing?" (Ensign, Feb. 1999, 52–53): <http://www.lds.org/ensign/1999/02/i-have-a-question>.
- Thomas, Janet, "More Than Skin Deep" (New Era, Feb. 2001, 44–48): <http://www.lds.org/new-era/2001/02/more-than-skin-deep>.
- Video: "How to Cover Up a Tattoo Using Makeup": <http://video.about.com/tattoo/How-to-Cover-Up-a-Tattoo.htm>.
- Video: "How to Hide a Hickey": <http://video.about.com/makeup/How-to-Hide-a-Hickey.htm>.

