

PROFESSIONAL DRESS CODE

1. Students are required to honor the professional dress code for the particular agency where the student is officially placed for clinical practice.

A laboratory coat with a name pin must be worn over street clothes when in health care agencies for class, conference, or researching for client care. Shorts, mini skirts, jeans, worn-out clothing, and sandals / flip flips are unacceptable per agency policy. Clothing must cover the length of the torso and must allow for movement so that skin is not exposed during reaching, bending and lifting.

2. The University nursing uniform will be worn when having patient/client contact assignments. The complete uniform, dress or pants and top, includes:
 - Name pin
 - Digital watch or watch with a second hand
 - Bandage scissors
 - Pen with black ink
 - OSHA approved protective eyewear
 - Uniform warm-up jacket
 - Plain white undergarments for all. Uniforms must be clean.
 - Neutral colored sneakers- not torn and clean
3. Where agency policy differs from the nursing department's dress code, students will be required to meet the agency dress code policy as instructed by the faculty.
4. Personal Appearance: Students are representatives of nursing and the nursing program. The following aspects of personal appearance are to be adhered to by students when engaged in clinical and other professional activities:
 - a. Students should be professionally groomed at all times. This includes practices of proper hygiene. Heavily scented colognes, perfumes, lotions are not permitted.
 - b. Hair should be clean and neatly arranged, off the collar or secured in the back or on top of the head with a simple hair clip, barrette, or tie. Hair cuts and styles of an extreme nature are not permitted.
 - c. Beards/mustaches/side-burns should be neatly trimmed.
 - d. Jewelry should be kept simple and limited to a wristwatch, one necklace, one bracelet, one ring per hand, and no more than two small, discreet earrings per ear.
 - e. Earrings should consist of small post or hoop styles, not to exceed ½ inch (1-1 ½ cm) in diameter.
 - a. Body piercing of any kind (except ears) which is not completely concealed is prohibited.
 - b. Tattoos should be covered by clothing if unable to conceal with bandage or makeup.
 - c. Light, natural-colored nail polish may be worn.
 - d. Artificial nails are **not** permitted. Artificial nails are defined as any material applied to the nail for the purpose of strengthening it and lengthening:

- including wraps, acrylics, or tips.
- e. Natural nails should be well-manicured and kept at an appropriate length (as identified by faculty) to insure safe practice.
 - f. Discretion should be practiced in the use of makeup/nail polish.

All other aspects of personal appearance will be covered by existing safety, health, infection control codes, rules and regulations as defined by the clinical agency. Clinical agencies may have other more specific dress requirements which are to be followed.

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