

Policy Title: Student Attire for Clinical

Background

The faculty of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing believes that the student, as a representative of the School, should have a professional appearance, which should be consistent with infection control, safety, and patient comfort guidelines. To that end, an official School uniform has been selected to be worn in the clinical setting.

Policy

A. Uniforms:

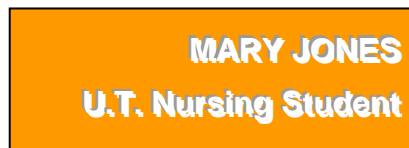
1. Students must wear attire designated by the faculty of the UTHSC-H School of Nursing. The uniform may be purchased at the U.T. Bookstore or at any uniform store. The female student uniform consists of a short white lab jacket, a navy short sleeve blouse, a navy a-line skirt or plain navy pants. Navy uniform dresses are acceptable. The male student uniform consists of a lab jacket, a navy short sleeve shirt, and plain navy pants. Lab jacket while in uniform is optional. The uniform should be clean, not spotted. The uniform material should be a polyester-cotton blend or cotton.
2. Hem length of the skirt may be from 1" above to 1" below the knee.
3. Students must purchase at least one complete set of uniforms. The uniforms can be special ordered from the Bookstore for sizes not in stock, but this will take 6 - 8 weeks.
4. Students will wear the lab jacket at all times when in the hospital to complete their pre-clinical work-up. No shorts, jeans, sneakers or sandals are permitted during these times.
5. Students who are pregnant will wear a navy maternity nursing uniform to be worn with the lab jacket during clinical experiences.
6. Individual clinical agencies or faculty may require attire different from the school uniform. Personal appearance must be professional. A lab jacket may be worn as appropriate.

B. Name Pin, School Emblem and I.D. Badge:

1. An orange and white emblem bearing the seal of The University of Texas will be worn on the left breast pocket of the lab jacket and the blouse/shirt.

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2. Orange name pins (available at the U.T. Bookstore) with white lettering will be worn on the upper left portion of the uniform or lab jacket above the patch. The format for the pin will be:



3. The student I.D. badge (provided by the School) must be worn at all times.
 4. The I.D. badge and emblem are to be worn on the lab coat in the same way as on the uniform when in the hospital for pre-clinical work-up.
- C. Shoes and Hose:

When in the clinical area, students are to wear white shoes, with white shoestrings and neutral or white hose. White plain socks will be worn with full-length pants.

D. Hair:

1. Hair must be neatly groomed and be worn so that it does not interfere with performance of clinical duties. Shoulder length hair should be tied back. There will be no large bows, ribbons, or clips worn in the hair.
2. Beards or mustaches (if worn) should be short and neatly groomed.

E. Nails:

1. Nails should be short and neatly groomed and will be at a length that will not interfere with nursing functions.
2. Nail polish (if worn) should preferably be clear or neutral and should be totally intact, without chipping or cracking. Artificial nails of any kind are not allowed.

F. Jewelry:

When in the clinical area, because of the potential for spread of infection and injury to client and/or student, it is recommended that jewelry be kept to a minimum.

1. Earrings (if worn) should be small stud earrings. The earrings should not go below the bottom of the ear lobe.
2. Rings (if worn) only wedding sets or plain bands are allowed.

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- 3. Wrist or ankle bracelets should not be worn in the clinical area.
- G. Perfume or aftershave should not be worn in the clinical area.
- H. Equipment
 - Students will need to purchase a stethoscope, a watch with a second hand, bandage scissors, penlight, and safety goggles to use in the clinical area.
- I. Other
 - "Fanny packs" (if worn) should be of a size that does not interfere with performance of clinical duties and be black, navy or white in color.

Noncompliance with this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary action by the clinical faculty such as, verbal warning, dismissal from the clinical agency, receiving a zero (0) for that day.