

UW –EAU CLAIRE DRESS REQUIREMENTS

The student represents the College of Nursing and Health Sciences as well as the profession of nursing. All aspects of professional appearance are expected when on school assignments.

CLINICAL UNIFORM:

Designated blue scrub top with UWEC patch sewn above LEFT breast of top.

A PLAIN WHITE tee or turtleneck shirt may be worn under the blue top. Sleeves must be able to be pushed up for hand washing and procedures.

Designated Name pin worn on the RIGHT side of top

Designated white uniform pants or skirt (for women)

Uniforms are not to be altered except for appropriate hem length by sewing. Pants may not drag on the floor. Skirt length must be long enough to accommodate the body mechanics associated with patient care.

White loafer-type or tie shoes (with resilient heel) which can be cleaned. Heel-strap; no holes or open toe (OSHA).

Designated white lab coat with UWEC patch sewn on upper LEFT sleeve.

White socks or hosiery with pants (or neutral/beige hosiery with skirts). No peds or short athletic socks.

CHECK WITH THE INSTRUCTOR FOR ADDITIONAL UNIT SPECIFIC VARIATIONS.

The uniform should be laundered after each wearing and FREE OF WRINKLES. The uniform is worn only in clinical practice settings (hospital, nursing home, clinic) or skills lab and is not appropriate for street attire.

NAME PIN: A UWEC name pin will be provided. These will be ordered and distributed by the Academic Department Associate at the EC and MF sites. NO SUBSTITUTES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

If lost or damaged the student is responsible for purchasing a replacement pin which is currently \$9.00. Contact the Academic Department Associate at EC or MF to order a replacement, or if you have name pin questions.

PROFESSIONAL STREET CLOTHES: Full length slacks (no jeans, sweat pants, crop) or skirt/dress of modest length. Dress or shirt/blouse with some sleeve. No tank tops. No flip-flops. You may be asked to wear the lab coat and/or name pin.

GENERAL APPEARANCE AND GROOMING: Scrupulous personal cleanliness, good grooming, and neat appearance are essential. Clothing must cover torso front and back (in reaching/bending positions) with no visible cleavage. No visible tattoos. Underwear will be worn and discreet.

HAIR: MUST BE CLEAN AND CONTROLLED so that it remains in place when leaning forward, and so that it doesn't need to be pushed back with hands during any aspect of care. Plain pins or clasps may be used to anchor the hair. Color should be of natural tones. Men must be clean-shaven or beard/mustache must be neat and trimmed.

NAILS: Nails should be clean, smooth, and of a length that does not interfere with client care, scratch, or injure clients. No artificial nails or nail jewelry. Clear or natural nail polish may be worn in some cases.

COSMETICS/SCENTS: Discreet use with no perfumes or smell of tobacco.

JEWELRY: Decorative rings, jewelry, pendants, etc., are not appropriate during patient care or client visits. This includes necklaces, dangling earrings, and jewelry for other body parts (i.e.: pierced eyebrow, nose, tongue, etc.). Students with pierced ears may wear ONE small post earring in each ear lobe.

GUM/CANDY: Discreet use in non-patient areas.

HOSPITAL UNITS & NURSING HOMES: Clinical uniform with optional lab coat is required for patient care activities. Lab coat with name pin is required anytime a student is on a unit when not wearing full uniform. The student may change into the uniform at the clinical site if dressing rooms are available, immediately prior to leaving for the clinical assignment, or per clinical agency policy. CHECK WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR FOR POSSIBLE UNIT SPECIFIC VARIATIONS.

COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND HOME VISITS: Attire is determined by the clinical agency and/or instructor, but is expected to be consistent with PROFESSIONAL STREET clothes or CLINICAL UNIFORM. Lab coat and/or name pin may be required.

SKILLS LAB: Lab coat with name pin is required for assigned and open skills labs. Jeans should be intact. No short shorts. Pants may not drag on the floor and closed-toe shoes (OSHA) are required. See GENERAL APPEARANCE/GROOMING. SKILLS CHECK-OFF TESTING will be in CLINICAL UNIFORM unless otherwise directed by the instructor.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ASK YOUR CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR. STUDENTS NOT DRESSED APPROPRIATELY WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CLINICAL SETTING OR LAB.

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