

STANDARDS OF STUDENT APPEARANCE

Personal Appearance of Nursing Students in the Clinical Area

FACULTY EXPECTATIONS:

1. The clinical area is considered any healthcare setting in which a Glendale Nursing Student is present in an educational capacity. This includes all areas of the facility, not just those in which direct nursing care is provided
2. Uniform (or other dress specified by faculty) is clean and laundered. Shoes and laces are clean. Overall appearance is neat, pressed, and well-kept.
3. A white sweater over, or white top under the uniform top may be added for additional warmth.
4. When students are in a rotation or event that does not require the official school uniform, business attire is the appropriate level of dress and school identification should be worn.
5. Hair is off the collar and out of the face. No extremes in style or color are allowed and hair must be of a natural shade; flowers, bows/ribbons/ties, beads, ornate combs, or barrettes are not acceptable.
6. Makeup, if used, is applied lightly. The use of scent is not accepted because of patient allergies and sensitivities.
7. Hospital safety standards dictate fingernail requirements. Nails are short and well groomed and should be no longer than can be seen when looking at the palms of the hand. If nail polish is used it should be neutral or light in color. Absolutely NO acrylic or any other nail enhancement is permitted during clinical rotations.
8. Jewelry is limited to wedding or engagement rings, name pin and badge, and watch. **ONLY** one small stud-size earring in each earlobe is allowed. Bracelets are not to be worn. Chains or necklaces are not to be worn on the outside of the uniform. No pins or jewelry are to be worn on the uniform.
9. No visible body piercing is allowed, other than identified in # 8.
10. Any visible tattoos must be completely covered.
11. Gum is not used in the clinical area. Food and beverages are consumed only in designated areas.
12. Components of the school uniform that identify the student in a nursing student role are not to be worn in non-student roles.

The instructor reserves the right to refuse to allow a student to remain in the clinical area if he or she does not meet uniform and/or personal appearance expectations. Hospital policy and that of the area to which the student is assigned is to be followed as presented by the instructor. Any student dismissed from the clinical area because of appearance shall be deemed absent for the entire day.

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