

**Policy U-5  
Florida State University  
College of Nursing**

**TITLE: ATTIRE FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY EXPERIENCES**

**POLICY:** Students are expected to be properly attired for clinical laboratory experiences and when representing the College of Nursing. Clinical agency policies must be followed in addition to CON guidelines for clinical rotations. Students with visible tattoos and body piercing ornaments are prohibited from certain clinical agencies. If a comparable clinical assignment cannot be made to meet the course objectives, the student will not be able to complete the nursing program in its entirety.

**RATIONALE:** It is a professional expectation of students that they take pride in their personal appearance as a professional representative of the Florida State University College of Nursing, baccalaureate education, and the nursing profession as a whole. Contractual agreements with affiliated clinical agencies specify that clinical agency policies must be followed in addition to CON guidelines for clinical rotations. Many clinical agencies will not permit students to use gloves, long sleeves, bandages, and non-permeable materials to cover visible tattoos and body

**PROCEDURE:** See Attachment #1 proper clinical attire. In the event of a student comes to clinical inappropriately dressed, a corrective action will be taken by the instructor. Repeated breaches of this policy by a student may result in removal from the clinical experience. Students who are unable to meet a clinical agency's policy on attire and appearance and who cannot be placed in a comparable clinical assignment will not be able to progress in the nursing program.

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**Attachment #1 Clinical Attire**

It is a professional expectation of students that they take pride in their personal appearance as a professional representative of the Florida State University College of Nursing, baccalaureate education, and the nursing profession as a whole. Therefore the following guidelines have been established to portray a professional image.

**Clinical hours - community sites:** (home visits, community sites and mental health clinical):

Appropriate attire:

1. Female: Black or tan slacks or knee length skirt and FSU College of Nursing polo shirt
2. Male: Black or tan slacks and FSU College of Nursing polo shirt
3. Closed toe and heel, low-heeled shoes and socks or hose.
4. A neat and controlled hairstyle that is appropriately arranged off the face and collar.
5. Name pin and FSU ID, and agency badge if required.

**Clinical hours - simulation lab and acute care sites** (acute care facilities where uniforms are required)

Appropriate attire:

1. Garnet scrubs, garnet scrubs jacket
2. A plain white round-necked tee shirt or turtleneck may be worn under the standard FSU garnet scrubs.
3. FSU College of Nursing Name Pin and FSU ID. Agency badge when required
4. Plain white leather nurse's shoes (clean white shoelaces).
5. White lab coat with College of Nursing patch

**Uniform items:**

- Garnet FSU College of Nursing scrubs
- Garnet FSU College of Nursing scrub jacket
- Garnet FSU College of Nursing polo shirt
- White lab coat with FSU College of Nursing patch
- White nursing shoes (with white shoelaces)
- Plain white socks and/or white hose
- White round necked plain tee shirt or turtle neck shirt
- FSU College of Nursing pin and FSU ID; facility badge if issued
- Watch with second hand
- Bandage scissors
- Stethoscope
- Sphygmomanometer
- Black pen
- Clipboard

**Jewelry limited to:**

- Watch with second hand
- Plain wedding band without stones
- One pair plain stud earrings

**Basic Grooming:**

- Hair off collar, fastened firmly to the head without ornamentation
- Clean shaven or mustache and/or beard neatly trimmed
- Nails no longer than the end of the finger
- Deodorant and bathing daily; clean uniform each day

**Unacceptable items at any time in any professional setting:**

- Jeans
- Shorts
- Skirts above the knee or below the calf
- Strapless, tank or camisole tops
- Sleeveless tops
- Tight fitting clothing
- Clothing with glitter or rhinestones
- Athletic shoes
- Sandals or boots
- Open toed or open heeled shoes
- Visible body piercing ornaments
- Visible tattoos
- Acrylic nails or nail polish
- Cologne or perfume
- Gum