

Professional Appearance and the Dress Code of the undergraduates – Faculty of Nursing

Introduction and Rationale

All students must maintain a professional appearance and adhere to the relevant dress code when attending university premises and any practicum site. The aims are to uphold faculty's principles of excellence, adherence to professional standards, and to support and empower students. This is intended to ensure that the nursing faculty students are easily identified as professional members of the health care team.

Professional Appearance and the Dress Code Guidelines

1. Dress and appearance of the students should conform to the professional standards expected of them
2. Wear the prescribed faculty nursing uniform at all clinical settings.
3. Some clinical practice placements may require dress and shoes other than the faculty uniform (Ex: ICU, Operation Theater etc....), where students must adhere to those required standards
4. Faculty ID must be visible at all times in the clinical setting.
5. Arrive at the faculty and clinical setting with a clean, wrinkle free dress
6. Wear the uniform only for the clinical placement setting and not while traveling
7. Students who are inappropriately attired, unkempt, or malodorous may be asked by faculty member or relevant staff to leave the clinical practice setting or the classroom.
8. Students have the responsibility to ensure their personal hygiene and cleanliness to meet professional standards.
9. The use of electronic devices is not permitted while providing direct patient care.
11. Tattoos are not allowed.
12. Fingernails must be short, clean, and free of nail polish. No artificial nails can be worn.
13. Any open sores or wounds must be covered.
14. Hand and arm jewelry and necklaces are not permitted for clinical setting.
15. Wrist watch or uniform watch is permitted.
16. For female students, hair must be clean and neatly combed. No hair styles are permitted.
17. For male students, hair should be trimmed short and are expected to be well shaven.
18. Shoulder length or longer hair must be pulled back and secured away from the face

for female students. They should wear a hair net at the clinical setting.

19. Male students must wear a shirt (short/ long sleeve) and trousers with a belt while at the university premises. The shirt should be fully buttoned.
20. Underwear garments must be clean, and non-visible.
21. Female students must wear a skirt and blouse or a frock which is appropriate and conforms to the profession standards expected of nurses while at the university premises.
22. Students must wear footwear with clean socks when present at clinical settings. Footwear should have non-slip soles, supportive and comfortable and does not inhibit practice activities; Flat heels are recommended.
23. Wearing inappropriate clothing such as T-shirts, slippers, other accessories, and body adornments are not allowed either in the faculty or at clinical settings.

