

Mercer County Community College
Division of Health Professions
Nursing Program

Uniform Policy for Nursing Students

Purpose: To ensure uniform appearance for all nursing students in the clinical environment. Each student makes a strong impression on patients, visitors and agency nursing staff by her/his appearance. Appropriate attire creates an impression of competence and professionalism.

Procedure:

1. Students must visibly display a valid MCCC ID at all times on campus.
2. Students may wear street clothes while in theory or lab class.
3. The MCCC Nursing Program uniform is worn for all clinical experiences, unless other directions are given by the instructor.
4. All students must purchase the school uniform from the school's uniform vendor.
5. A changing room is not provided by clinical agencies.
6. The following guidelines apply to the student nurse in the clinical setting:
 - a. The student nurse clinical uniform includes:
 - i. Forest green or white scrub top with MCCC Nursing Student emblem patch
 - ii. Forest green or white scrub bottoms
 - iii. White lab coat with MCCC Nursing Student emblem patch
 - iv. Name pin
 - v. MCCC photo ID badge
 - vi. White uniform shoes or predominantly white sneakers (no open back, open toe, or sling back shoes)
 - b. Plain white undershirts (including long sleeve) may be worn under scrub top. No logos may be visible on undershirt.
 - c. Uniforms should be clean and pressed at all times. Shoes, including shoelaces, must be clean.
 - d. Hair must be arranged in a neat and professional style, off the face and collar. Long hair must be braided, in a pony-tail or in a bun at the discretion

of the instructor in the clinical setting. No head coverings are to be worn unless for established religious purposes.

- e. Name pin, MCCC student ID, and required agency ID are worn at all times.
- f. No jewelry may be worn except a wedding band or plain studs in pierced ears.
- g. One stud per ear is permitted. No other visible face or body piercings are permitted. Clear placeholder studs may be permitted.
- h. A light amount of make-up may be worn. Heavy eye make-up is not permitted.
- i. Perfume, cologne, and/or heavily scented body products are prohibited.
- j. Fingernails should not extend beyond the fingertips. Colored nail polishes are not permitted. Artificial nails, acrylic, shellac and gel nail polishes are prohibited.
- k. Proper supportive undergarments are to be worn, including socks. Undergarments should match student skin tone or uniform so as not to be visible. Socks or support hose may be colored but no graphics may be visible.
- l. Specific clinical sites may require covering of all visible tattoos.
- m. Accessories to the uniform are stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, scissors, penlight, watch with second hand, pen, pencil and notebook. A "fanny pack" or backpack may not be worn during the provision of nursing care.

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Approved by:

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