

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON  
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**DRESS CODE**

Policy: The University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing expects students to reflect professionalism and maintain high standards of appearance and grooming in the clinical setting. Clinical faculty have final judgment on the appropriateness of student attire and corrective action for dress code infractions.

Students not complying with this policy will not be allowed to participate in clinical.

**General Guidelines**

- **Jewelry**
  - Watches, wedding rings only, earrings (one small stud per earlobe) may be worn.
  - Necklaces are not permitted unless maintained under clothing and not visible.
  - Except for one stud earring per earlobe, no other body piercing jewelry is permitted. Nose piercing jewelry must be removed or covered. No exceptions.
- **Hair**
  - Hair is to be clean, neat, and well groomed. Shoulder length hair or longer must be pulled back behind the ears off the neck when in the clinical, learning resource or simulation lab settings.
  - Males are expected to be clean-shaven or facial hair/moustache and beards neatly trimmed.
  - Hair must be of a color found in nature (no pink, blue, etc.).
- **Nails**
  - Nails are to be clean, groomed, and manicured.
  - Artificial nails are prohibited in the clinical setting.
  - Nails are to be cut to the tip of the finger and groomed.
  - Only clear nail polish may be worn. No fingernail jewelry.
- **Other**
  - Makeup will be subdued. Personal hygiene including oral care, daily showering/bathing, and the use of deodorant is expected.
  - No perfume or scented lotions are to be worn.
  - Gum chewing is not permitted.
  - Personal beepers, cell phones, and other such technology shall be utilized only during breaks from patient care. Cell phones must be turned off during clinical and left in the student's purse or backpack.
  - Tattoos must be covered and not visible.
  - Refrain from smoking in uniform as the smoke can cling to clothes and be an irritant to patients.

**Clinical settings requiring uniforms:**

Current UTA undergraduate student uniforms are navy blue scrubs with a UTA insignia patch sewn on the left upper sleeve of scrub top. White long or short sleeved turtleneck or crew neck T-shirts without logo's or advertisements may be worn under scrub shirts.

- Uniforms are to be clean and not wrinkled
- No sweaters with hoods may be worn with the uniform.
- Head coverings must be a solid color (white, navy blue or black) and without adornment. The covering may not include the face.
- A thigh-length white lab coat with a UTA insignia patch sewn on the left upper sleeve may be worn with the scrubs.
- Undergarments and/or cleavage should not show when leaning or bending over. Low-rise scrub pants and rolling down the waist band of scrub pants is prohibited.
- Shoes are to be closed toed, closed heel, clean and in good repair. Shoes must be made of a material that will not absorb bio-hazardous materials and that can be cleaned. Therefore, they must be white leather or rubber. White hose/socks (that come above the ankle) are required. Clog type shoes are prohibited for safety concerns.

**Learning Resource Skills Lab/Simulation Lab attire:**

Students entering the skills or simulation labs must be in uniform.

**UTA Student Identification**

- The UTA Student Picture ID is to be worn above the waist and in clear view when in uniform.
- No other ID should be attached to the UTA School of Nursing ID, nor should the UTA ID be worn in settings other than clinical. The School of Nursing ID must be worn in all clinical and lab settings.

**Clinical settings requiring street clothes:**

- Professional attire is expected. Jeans/western cut pants, sweatshirts, shirts of underwear type, see-through clothing, sleeveless shirts or any clothing which exposes a bare midriff, back, chest or underwear are prohibited. Tattoos must be covered. Skirt length must be knee length or longer. Appearance must be clean and neat. Students in agencies where scrubs are provided should follow the above standards prior to changing into scrubs.
- Students involved in pre-planning activities at a clinical site must wear a lab coat and UTA ID.

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