

**The University of Texas at Arlington  
School of Nursing**

## **MSN Graduate Student 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 management of the situation.**

### **General Guidelines**

#### **1. Jewelry**

- Needs to be discreet with items, such as: watch, wedding ring, necklace or earrings
- No body piercing visible other than ears.

#### **2. 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.).

#### **3. 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.

#### **4. 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 clinical attire as the smoke can cling to clothes and be an irritant to patients.
- The School of Nursing ID must be worn in all clinical and lab settings.

### **Clinical Attire Options**

- 1. A white lab coat with a UTA insignia patch (suggested) over professional dress or**
- 2. Scrubs if that is the dress for the agency or**
- 3. Business attire for Nursing Administration Students and NP Students based on clinical site.**

### **Additional Directions on Attire**

1. Clothing needs to be clean and not wrinkled.
2. Undergarments and/or cleavage should not show when leaning or bending over.
3. Professional attire is expected. No jeans/western cut pants, sweatshirts, and shirts of underwear type, see-through clothing, sleeveless shirts or any clothing which exposes a bare midriff, back, chest or underwear. Skirts must be knee length or longer. Appearance must be clean and neat. Low rise scrub pants and rolling down the waist band of scrub pants is prohibited.
4. Shoes are to be closed toed, in good repair and no canvas shoes or flip flops.
5. The UTA Student Picture ID is to be worn above the waist and in clear view when in clinical agencies.

**Learning Resource Skills Lab/Simulation Lab attire:** Students entering the skills or simulation labs must be in appropriate clinical attire.