

Nursing Uniform Policy

The ISU Nursing uniform is to be worn when the student is assigned for clinical laboratory practice as required by the clinical laboratory agency. It is the student's responsibility to be appropriately groomed and attired for clinical laboratory experiences. Students are responsible for maintaining their own uniforms.

Basic Uniform

Campus-based undergraduate students:

- The uniform style is specified by the ISU Nursing and must be purchased from the company selected by the College of Nursing, Health, and Human Services.
- The basic uniform for campus-based undergraduate students consists of a uniform top, pants or skirt, and laboratory coat.
- Students will be notified of the date, time, and place of uniform fittings, which will take place at the nursing building. Students must pay for uniforms at the time of order.

Distance education students:

- Students in the LPN - BS and RN - BS tracks and MS students must wear white uniforms and/or adhere to the policies of the clinical agency in which they are practicing.

Name Pin

- A name pin must be worn by all ISU nursing students when in a clinical laboratory setting in the student role.
- The pin should consist of three lines. The top line should contain the student's first and last name. The second line should state *BS Student Nurse* or *MS Student Nurse*. The third line should state *Indiana State University*.
- The ISU nursing name pin is to be worn by all students (BS, LPN – BS, RN – BS, and MS students) when in any clinical area for assessment or actual clinical experience.

Shoes

- Plain white leather or vinyl shoes with white laces and low or medium heels are to be worn with the uniform. If laces are present, they must be white.
- Shoes must have closed toes and heels.
- White socks or hose must be worn with the uniform shoes.
- Fabric athletic shoes are not acceptable.
- Shoe covers are available for the students' use in the surgery and maternity units of health care facilities.

Jewelry

- A plain watch with a second hand is required.
- Wedding bands may be worn. Earrings must be small (no larger than six mm), bead-like, and one per ear.
- Other jewelry, including jewelry for body piercing, should not be visible or distracting.
- Ornate hair accessories are not to be worn with the uniform.

Tattoos

- Tattoos are to be concealed if possible.

Equipment

- A stethoscope, pen with black ink, and bandage scissors are to be carried as appropriate for the clinical setting.
- Additional equipment will be determined by the faculty in individual nursing courses.

Clinical Experiences in Community Agencies

- Dress for clinical experiences in community health agencies will vary according to agency policy.
- Students in home health experiences at the Sycamore Nursing Center will wear khaki, black, or navy slacks or skirts and light colored shirts.
- Denim jeans (regardless of color), sweat pants, shorts, tank tops, short skirts, or sandals are not to be worn during clinical experiences in community agencies.

General Appearance

- Undergarments (white or flesh tone) must be worn.
- Brightly colored or patterned undergarments are not to be worn with the uniform.
- The midriff and back must remain covered.
- A plain, long sleeved, white crew or turtle neck shirt may be worn underneath the uniform top.
- No cleavage, midriff, lower back, or buttocks should be visible upon bending or other position changes.
- Hair is to be clean and secured so that it will not fall forward.
- Make-up and hair color must be conservative.
- Fingernails must be short, natural, and well-groomed. Colored nail polish and artificial nails are not to be worn.
- Facial hair must be trimmed and neat.
- Strongly scented body products must not be worn due to potential patient allergic responses.
- Students must not enter the clinical setting smelling like smoke.
- The ISU nursing uniform and the name pin are to be worn only for college-related activities.

Data Collection and Clinical Attire

- ISU nursing name pins and laboratory coats must be worn in the clinical agencies for data collection.
- When in the hospital, nursing home, or other community agency for data collection, no denim jeans (regardless of color), sweat pants, shorts, tank tops, short skirts, or sandals are allowed.

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