STANDARD POLICY

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Students should maintain a professional appearance, with name tags, when they are officially representing the School of Nursing (SON), either in a clinical setting or at a professional meeting. When not required to wear a uniform, professional dress is required. Students shall be required to purchase a collared purple shirt through the SON and may be required to wear this shirt to clinical experiences and meetings.

If, in the judgment of the instructor the student does not meet professional expectations, the instructor may remove the student from the clinical area and a clinical “F” day may be given.

PROCEDURE

In clinical areas where a clinical uniform is required, the following criteria will apply:

Uniforms: A white dress, white top and white pants, or white top and purple pants with a purple patch, of a style typically available from uniform stores or catalogs may be worn.

1. Shoes and Hose: Professional white closed toe uniform shoes or athletic type shoes of a white color are to be worn. White hosiery with dress uniforms and white socks or plain hosiery with pantsuits is required.

2. Hair: Hair must be clean, neatly groomed, and, if shoulder length, tied back so that it does not interfere with the performance of clinical duties. No ornate hair ornaments or bows will be worn. Beards or mustaches, if worn, should be short and neatly groomed.

3. Name Tags: The approved SFASU name tag will be worn in all clinical sites and home visits. The approved name tag is a badge with student’s picture and name that is obtained from Student Services Office in the University Center. The format for the name tag will be:
   - Mary Jones, SFASU Nursing Student, or
   - M. Jones, SFASU Nursing Student, or
   - Mary, SFASU Nursing Student.
4. **Nails:** Nails should be short and neatly groomed, not to exceed one-fourth of an inch beyond the fingertip. No nail polish is allowed. No artificial nails are allowed.

5. **Jewelry:** When in the clinical area, because of the potential for spread of infection and injury to client and/or student, it is recommended that jewelry be kept to a minimum.
   a. Earrings should be small stud earrings and only one matching pair will be worn. Types of body piercing worn on the anatomy that can be viewed are not allowed.
   b. Rings, if worn, should be only wedding sets or plain bands and limited to a wedding set or one ring per hand.
   c. Necklaces and wrist or ankle bracelets should not be worn in clinical areas.

6. **Scents:** Due to close contact with others, deodorant/anti-perspirant is to be worn. No perfumes, colognes, or aftershave lotions should be applied.

7. **Cosmetics:** All make-up should be conservative and in moderation.

8. **Tattoos:** Tattoos shall be covered by clothing and shall not be visible.

9. **Professional Meetings:** When representing the School at any time, the student will dress professionally and wear name tags.

**GUIDELINES:**

- Patterned underwear or tee shirts should not be visible under uniform. Tee shirts worn under uniform should be white only.

- Skirts should be between mid-knee and mid-calf in length.

- Only white shoes are appropriate and must be freshly polished, cleaned, and worn with clean shoestrings.

- NSNA or SNA pins may be worn on the upper left collar or chest.

- For meetings or any in-facility activity, women will wear dresses or nice pants and be neatly groomed. Men will wear nice slacks and shirts and be neatly groomed. No jeans, short pants, or caps will be worn.