

**NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MARY GRIMES SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Uniform Policy

Nursing is one of the oldest and most respected professions. Image will not assure the desired excellence in nursing care; however, it often provides the basis for the public's perception of the profession and guides the first impression. Upon entering Mary Grimes School of Nursing, students willingly accept the obligations of the profession and are expected to act accordingly. Abiding by the Uniform Policy is a part of the educational process that establishes esteem and emphasizes the importance of professionalism.

CLASSROOM DRESS CODE

Nursing students are expected to dress in a way that promotes a positive learning environment. Clothing that is disruptive or distracting should not be worn to class. Students may be asked to leave the classroom if their attire is not congruent with policy. (See Professional Conduct Policy.)

<https://www.neosho.edu/Portals/o/Departments/nursing/Policies/Professional%20Conduct.pdf>

CLINICAL DRESS CODE

Uniforms are worn to promote a professional image, to fulfill accepted health care practices, to protect the welfare of the client, and to comply with the dress codes of affiliated agencies. All NCCC nursing students will abide by dress code policy as stated in the Clinical Orientation Manual of Greater Kansas City and the following standards of dress and appearance stated below, Clinical Orientation Manual/MOKAN/C+S. Clinical sites reserve the right to require a dress code stricter than what is stated in this policy.

The NCCC nursing student uniform consists of a gray scrub top, black scrub pants, black impenetrable shoes, a student ID name badge, and a watch with a second hand. A black skirt may be substituted for the black scrub pants if preferred. If a skirt is worn, full-length nude hose must also be worn. Nude hose or plain black socks will be worn with pants. If desired, black Under Armor (or the generic equivalent) in any sleeve length may be worn under the uniform, and if permitted by the clinical agency and clinical instructor, a black lab jacket may be worn over the uniform. All visible tattoos are to be covered.

Students will wear their uniforms anytime they represent the college at the clinical site and when requested by the instructor. Student uniforms should not be worn outside of practicum/school activities.

The gray scrub tops will be purchased through the college bookstore. The black scrub pants and plain black leather shoes (sandals, canvas tennis shoes, clogs, Crocs, open toe or sling-back shoes are not acceptable) may be purchased from a store of the student's choosing.

Caps, which may be worn after graduation, are purchased through the nursing office. Green stripes indicate graduation from Level I (PN) and black stripes indicate graduation from Level II (RN). In order to embrace the diversity of our nursing students, graduation composite pictures will be taken without the cap. However, students will have the option to take a picture with the cap on if desired.

Students need to be aware of their appearance and presentation at all times. Uniforms should not allow for skin to show while crouching, bending over or raising arms. Well-fitting uniforms will alleviate this problem. Students choosing not to adhere to the Uniform Policy may be sent home from clinical, lab or assigned community activities. Should this occur, it will result in a clinical absence for the day.

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