

1.4 Dress Code

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Regardless of the academic setting, adherence to dress code standards are at the discretion of the faculty. Students must adhere to the faculty determination of appropriate appearance. It is the philosophy of the SON that the student has a responsibility to be neatly groomed and modestly dressed. Appearances should promote good health, safety and general well-being of the student.

Clothing should avoid brevity and/or design that are offensive to the dignity and rights of others. **Items to be avoided in all School-related Functions (including but not limited to):** overly frayed, worn or soiled garments; costume look, transparent blouses, bare midriff shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, overtly sexual styles, gang colors or logos, facial or body piercing, obscene slogans or pictures, bedroom wear, short-shorts, short skirts, or clothing that may be offensive to others. School officials have the right and responsibility to counsel with the student or take any other corrective action. Types of clothing (other than those specified in this document) may be worn at the direction of the nursing instructor for special events.

If the dress code rules are broken and a change of clothes is not available, the student may be removed from the school-related function for the remainder of the day. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken for repeated violations of this code.

1.4.1 Classroom

Casual or everyday business wear is recommended. This includes but is not limited to the following: slacks or skirt; sweater, blouse, and shirt. Jeans as well as conservative shorts (mid-thigh or longer) may be worn but avoid frayed or soiled items. Shoes must be worn.

Students may have occasion to present as part of course requirements. On these occasions, business or dressy day social will be worn: suit, dress, dressy separates, jacket, tie, nice fabrics, and dress shoes. Denim, jeans, t-shirt or other casual clothes are not considered appropriate and are not allowed.

1.4.2 White Coat Ceremony

Prior to the first clinical experience, undergraduate students will participate in a White Coat Ceremony to mark a milestone in the student's professional development. The hip-length white coat must be an approved style from the designated vendor. Long coats are not appropriate and not approved. The UT Tyler school patch should be placed on the front left pocket area. Students will wear the adopted student uniform under the white coat.

1.4.3 Pre- or Post-Clinical Experiences

Pre- or Post-Clinical Experiences in the Health Care or Community Setting: Students may be required to attend conferences or visit the clinical areas as part of their course requirements. Students will wear the approved lab coat with name badge and UT Tyler school patch. Professional dress will be worn under the lab coat. The following items will be avoided in the clinical areas: jeans, shorts, sandals, jogging/athletic suits, t-shirts, and ball-caps. Alternatively, UT Tyler scrubs may be worn with a name badge. Faculty discretion may be used for particular events.

1.4.4 Clinical Experiences: Undergraduate

Skills Laboratory, Simulation, and Clinical Experience: Unless instructed otherwise by faculty, when attending any clinical experience students are required to wear the adopted student uniform with name

badge and school patch. As a representative of UT Tyler and the SON, students are expected to be professional in appearance and behavior at all times. Students will refrain from wearing student uniforms to non-UT Tyler related activities (e.g. restaurants, shopping, etc.)

When student uniforms are required for clinical experiences, as specified by the course, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- a. School patch on the front left pocket area of lab coat and uniform top.
- b. The UT Tyler name badge with photo will be worn in all clinical settings. Name tag must be worn above the waist, so name and title are clearly visible.
- c. White or neutral hose are worn with dress/skirt; neutral hose, knee highs or white socks are worn with pants. Socks must cover ankles.
- d. Clean, white clinical shoes or white leather athletic shoes should be worn, no canvas, mesh, or clogs (shoes may be mostly white and if stripes or logos are on shoes, these must be minimal and light colored). Shoes must be closed toe and heel.
- e. Jewelry: wedding or engagement rings only; single stud earrings and only 1 in each lobe (no dangling or hoops); no rings or studs in the nose, tongue, lip or any other visible facial or body piercing; no necklaces or bracelets (only Medic Alert). Students must have a watch with a second hand.
- f. Make-up, hair, and grooming should be conservative. Hair color must be natural shades (no colors such as pink, blue, mahogany reds, etc.) Hair shoulder length or longer must be pulled neatly back in a ponytail or bun and restrained so that the hair does not fall forward when bending over providing care. Hair clips, bands, etc. shall be functional, not decorative (no bows) or distracting adornments. Mustaches and beards must be clean, neatly groomed, and trimmed short.
- g. Tattoos must be covered and not visible.
- h. Nails are to be clean and neatly trimmed to no more than fingertip length; no polish or artificial nails are permitted.
- i. No perfume, after-shave or other strong scents since this causes nausea and /or difficulty in breathing for many patients.
- j. Gum chewing is not allowed.

Students having questions concerning adherence to the dress code should discuss this with their course instructor; faculty have final discretion.

In order to meet the variety of needs for warmth the following options for undershirts and/or jackets are permissible:

- a. No undershirt for females are required if uniform top neckline is such that complete modesty is maintained, no cleavage is to be showing.
- b. Sleeveless white round neck tank top.
- c. A short sleeve, round neck, royal blue or white top available through designated vendor.
- d. A 3/4 length sleeve, white top available through designated vendor.
- e. Men will wear a round neck white undershirt without visible logos or advertising. Short sleeves should not be visible hanging from under sleeve of uniform top.
- f. Long sleeve or turtleneck tops are not acceptable options.
- g. An approved royal blue jacket is available through a designated vendor with the UT Tyler SON logo or patch on the upper left pocket area, may be worn over the student's matching UT Tyler uniform.

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in an unexcused clinical absence and/or negative clinical evaluation. Some individual situations may require collaborative effort by faculty to reach an appropriate solution to best deal with tattoos', skin disorders etc.

1.4.5 Clinical Experiences: Graduate

Skills lab, Simulation, Clinical, and OSCEs:

- a. Students will dress in a professional manner, appropriate to the area of clinical practice and the dress code of the agency assigned.
- b. All students are required to wear a UT Tyler school patch on the upper left chest of the uniform jacket and/or lab coat. Information for ordering the patch can be found at [CR Scrubs](#).
- c. The name badge must be worn at all times, either on the jacket or the uniform. The name badge should be ordered through the graduate nursing advisor of the School of Nursing.

1.4.6 Professional Presentations/ Conferences

Students presenting or attending professional conferences are representatives of UT Tyler and the School of Nursing and dress should reflect professionalism. Business or dressy day social: suit, dress, dressy separates, jacket, tie, nice fabrics, and dress shoes. Denim, jeans, t-shirt or other casual clothes are not considered appropriate and are not allowed. For workshops/seminars attended by students, professional/business attire will be worn. Students will wear the approved UT Tyler SON white lab coat, with the UT Tyler SON patch, over professional attire at the discretion of the nursing instructor.

1.4.7 Nursing Convocation

Convocation is a special ceremony held at the end of each semester to recognize graduates from the BSN, MSN, DNP, and PhD programs. During the ceremony, BSN students are pinned by a registered nurse of their choosing. Graduate students receive their respective hoods (MSN, DNP, PhD) during the hooding portion of the ceremony.

BSN Attire

Men will wear black pants (no jeans) and a pressed, white button down, long-sleeved shirt with a collar and a dark colored tie such as black, dark gray, or navy. Shoes should be black dress shoes (no tennis/ running shoes). The white lab coat with the UT Tyler patch on the left front upper chest is to be worn over the shirt and slacks.

Women will wear black slacks (no jeans or leggings) or black knee-length or longer skirt with a pressed, white long-sleeved or $\frac{3}{4}$ length shirt with nude color undergarments. Flat or low heeled, closed or peep toe black shoes are required (no sling-backs). Jewelry must be conservative (e.g. no large/ oversized earrings or necklaces). Students are required to wear their white lab coat with the UT Tyler patch on the left front upper chest over the shirt and slacks/ skirt.

MSN/ DNP/ PhD Attire

All graduate students will wear the official UT Tyler school regalia available for purchase or rent through the UT Tyler Bookstore.

Men will wear conservative slacks and dress shoes beneath the regalia. Women will wear conservative slacks, or a skirt / dress beneath the regalia with flat or low-heeled shoes. Jeans, shorts, sandals, and oversized jewelry are not appropriate for anyone.

Gum chewing is not allowed.