UConn School of Nursing
Dress Code Policy

Purpose:
Individual and family health care consumers’ perceptions of students in the UCONN School of Nursing are based on a variety of encounters. Impressions are often made in the first sixty seconds of an encounter, even before a word is spoken, through physical appearance, body language, and personal etiquette. As a UCONN nursing student you represent not only yourself but, the School of Nursing and the profession of nursing as well.

Policy:
The approved designated UConn SON clinical uniform for pre-licensure program students consists of:

1. Pants: navy pants, straight legged, waist high (no low-rise), elastic or draw string, (per order form),
2. Shirt: White scrub top with the UCONN School of Nursing logo (per order form), clothing must be loose enough to allow performance of activities,
3. Lab jacket: (required) navy rib cuffs and snap front, two pockets with the Uconn SON logo (per order form),
4. Shoes: white nursing shoes, white sneakers, white clogs with a back or strap, no open toed, no heels, no holes in body of shoe (i.e. CROCS),
5. Socks/hose: white, to prevent exposure of skin on legs to body fluids,
6. Name pins: UCONN SON name pin to be worn at all times, in all settings. It will be worn at all times unless an agency policy requires otherwise.

In addition the following policies must be adhered to:

7. Undergarments: should not be visible through the uniform
8. Hair must be neat and well groomed. Long hair and long bangs must be tied or pinned back off the face and up off the neck, only natural hair dyed colors are acceptable,
9. Men must be clean shaven and or a beard or mustache must be neat and well groomed,
10. Only natural nails are acceptable. A maximum length of ¼ inch above the fingertip is allowed, nail polish is not acceptable,
11. Visible tattoos are not encouraged and are subject to individual agency policy,
12. A maximum of one stud earring may be worn in each ear, all other visible piercings are not acceptable,
13. One plain band ring, no stones, may be worn, necklaces must be kept under the shirt, no bracelets, a sweep second hand watch is required,
14. Perfume, cologne, after shaves, lotions, or cosmetic agents that transmit a noticeable odor are not acceptable due to allergies. Makeup should be worn in a professional manner.
15. Clinical Resource Laboratory will allow a specific UCONN tee shirt to be worn instead of uniform top for lab only.
16. Summer camp uniform will consist of khaki long shorts to knee, and specific dri fit UCONN nursing tee shirt, closed toe shoes and socks.

Please be advised particular agency dress policy may necessitate clothing or jewelry modifications.
The UConn School of Nursing clinical uniform is restricted for use to clinical practicum and simulation lab learning activities and approved School of Nursing functions. Other uses of the uniform are strictly prohibited unless there is prior written approval from the Dean of the School of Nursing

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