

**Prelicensure Nursing Professional Presentation, Responsible Behavior,
and Clinical Dress Code**

• **Purpose**

- The uniform is a means of identifying nursing students enrolled in prelicensure clinical nursing programs. In all clinical settings, Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation students must be clearly identifiable as Arizona State University students for their own protection.

• **Source**

- Edson College of Nursing and Health Baccalaureate Program Handbook for Prelicensure Clinical Nursing Students
<https://nursingandhealth.asu.edu/files/students/handbooks/ug.pdf>

• **Applicability**

- Prelicensure Clinical Nursing Students will comply always with the dress code while in a clinical agency. Course faculty may require students to wear their uniform to laboratory or simulation experiences. Noncompliance with this dress code will be reflected in the clinical evaluation and may result in dismissal from clinical experiences. Prelicensure Clinical Nursing Students also are expected to comply with clinical agency dress code requirements.

• **Protocol**

This dress code is to be observed by all prelicensure nursing students. Faculty will review the dress code with students at the beginning of each clinical rotation. Faculty will provide students with specific instructions where exceptions to the dress code can be made.

Grooming:

- Hair:
 - Student's hair must be clean, neat, and kept away from the face. If the student's hair is long, it must be fastened back from the face securely so that long ends remain behind the shoulders. Students may use plain barrettes and plain, non-decorative ponytail holders to secure hair away from the face and behind the shoulders. Male students may wear neatly trimmed beards and/or mustaches.
- Fingernails:
 - Students must keep nails short and trimmed. Students may wear clear, colorless, non-chipped nail polish. Due to health and safety concerns, sculptured or artificial nails are not acceptable.
- Makeup:
 - Students may wear subtle makeup. Students are not allowed to wear perfume, after-shave, or fragrant lotions or powders.
- Jewelry:

- Students are required to wear a watch with second hand. Students may wear a wedding band, and/or small post earrings for pierced ears. Students may wear one small, post earring per ear. Due to health and safety concerns, ear loops, dangling pierced earrings, or other visible piercings are not permitted.

Other:

- Students may not chew gum during clinical rotations. Students may carry their belongings in a black, washable “fanny” pack.

General Uniform Guidelines:

- All uniforms must be clean, neat, wrinkle-free, fit well, and be of appropriate length to provide for modesty. Pants or skirts must fit at the natural waistline. Pants may have a straight or tapered leg. Pants must provide ample room to bend, sit, lift, and turn.
- The uniform fabric must not be transparent. Jean material is not allowed.

Purchasing Uniforms:

- Students are required to purchase all uniform items with the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation insignia through the approved vendor. These items include wine scrub jacket, wine scrub top, and wine polo shirt.
- Students may purchase black pants and all black leather shoes through the approved vendor or a vendor of their choice.

Site-Based Uniform Choices:

- Students will wear either the hospital-based or community-based uniform, depending on the clinical agency. Faculty will notify students of which uniform they are to wear at the assigned clinical agency.
 - Hospital Based – All-black scrub pants (white or colored thread or piping is not allowed), a wine scrub jacket, a wine scrub top, and a black, round-necked, short-sleeved t-shirt may be worn under the scrub top. All-black nurse’s shoes or all-black, low-top, leather, athletic shoes will be worn. Shoes must have closed toes and heels. Shoes and laces are to be black and clean. Black socks are required. Clogs with or without heel straps, open-toed shoes, sandals, or canvas or mesh shoes are not acceptable.
 - Community Based – All-black scrub pants, a wine scrub jacket, and a wine polo shirt with ASU Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation insignia embroidered on left chest must be worn. Black leather shoes must be worn (see above). Black socks are required.

Identification:

- The Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation Identification (ID) badge is to be worn on the upper left side of polo shirt or scrub jacket, when worn. For security reasons, some clinical agencies may require students to wear the agency ID badge along with the Edson College ID badge.