

Mercer County Community College
Division of Math, Science, and Health Professions
Nursing Program

Uniforms

Purpose: To ensure uniform appearance for all nursing students in the clinical environment. Each student makes a strong impression on patients, visitors and agency nursing staff by her/his appearance. Appropriate attire creates an impression of competence and professionalism.

Procedure:

1. Students must visibly display a valid MCCC ID at all times on campus.
2. Students may wear street clothes while in theory or lab class.
3. The MCCC Nursing Program uniform is worn for all clinical experiences, unless other directions are given by the instructor.
4. Students must follow the appearance guidelines of the clinical site, where applicable. Specific clinical sites may require covering of all visible tattoos.
5. All students must purchase the school uniform from the school's uniform vendor.
6. A changing room is not provided by clinical agencies.
7. The following guidelines apply to the student nurse in the clinical setting:
 - a. The student nurse clinical uniform includes:
 - i. Forest green scrub top with MCCC Nursing Student emblem patch
 - ii. Forest green scrub bottoms. Scrub skirts may be worn, as long as the length of skirt is below the knee.
 - iii. White lab coat with MCCC Nursing Student emblem patch
 - iv. MCCC photo ID badge
 - b. Shoes worn with the clinical uniform must be supportive, clean, and neutral in color. Permitted colors include forest green, white, gray, and black with little or no patterns. No open back, open toe, or sling back shoes permitted. No shoes with ventilation holes.
 - c. Plain neutral colored undershirts (including long sleeve) may be worn under scrub top. colors permitted are forest green, white, cream/tan, gray, and black. No logos may be visible on undershirt.
 - d. Uniforms should be clean and pressed at all times. Shoes, including shoelaces, must be clean.

- e. Hair must be arranged in a neat style. Long hair must be braided, in a pony-tail, or in a bun to be off the face and collar. Scrub caps or religious head coverings may be worn; colors permitted are forest green, white, cream/tan, gray, and black.
- f. MCCC student ID, and required agency ID are worn at all times.
- g. No jewelry may be worn except a wedding band or plain studs in pierced ears.
- h. One stud per ear is permitted. No other visible face or body piercings are permitted. Clear placeholder studs may be permitted.
- i. Smart watches or wearable technology are prohibited, unless for medical reasons.
- j. Perfume, cologne, and/or heavily scented body products are prohibited.
- k. Fingernails should not extend beyond the fingertips. Colored nail polishes are not permitted. Artificial nails, acrylic, shellac and gel nail polishes are prohibited.
- l. Proper supportive undergarments are to be worn, including socks or tights. Undergarments should not be visible.
- m. Accessories to the uniform are stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, scissors, penlight, watch with second hand, pen, pencil and notebook. A "fanny pack" or backpack may not be worn during the provision of nursing care.

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