

Bradley University
College of Education and Health Science
Department of Nursing (DON)

Policy: Dress Code for Practicum

Purpose: To establish clear criteria for proper dress and professional appearance for all undergraduate and graduate students within the clinical setting. Should a clinical setting require any additional specifications, the student will abide by both BU DON and the outside agency standards when applicable.

Specifications for Settings:

Hospital

- Selected red BU uniform
- Red warm up jacket optional
- White lab coat optional
- All white leather shoes and hose/socks
- No patterned or inappropriate undergarments
- BU name badge (worn above the waist) required
- White BU long sleeve T-shirt (optional)
- A short sleeve white T-shirt may be worn under the red scrub, but should not show below the red sleeve

Community

- Selected BU golf shirt with navy, black, or khaki pants (at least ankle length)
- Dark shoes and socks/hose
- Navy or black sweater optional
- White lab coat required in certain settings
- BU name badge (worn above the waist) required

Obtaining Assignment from Hospital

- Nice dress or slacks (at least ankle length) /skirt with shirt
- Shoes and hose/socks (no tennis shoes, open toed shoes, sandals, or flip flops)
- White lab coat with BU name badge (worn above the waist)

Nail Appearance

- No artificial nails or adornments
- Natural nails extending no longer than 1/4 inch past fingertips
- No nail polish, including gel or gel polish

Jewelry

- Earrings limited to no more than two earrings per ear, stud style only (no cartilage hoops)
- Wedding/engagement ring (except not in labor and delivery or surgery)

- No body piercings that are visible including, but not limited to tongue, nose, and eyebrow
- No bracelets or necklaces

Hair

- Off face, neatly styled
- Pulled back off collar if hangs below
- Hair ornaments should be neutral in color

Facial Hair

- Neatly trimmed mustaches and/or beards

Miscellaneous

- Shirts need to be long enough to reveal no bare skin during expected activities.
- Shoes should be limited to the closed toe type, therefore no sandals or flip flops.
- Garments worn under the red golf shirt should be white and short sleeve and should not show below the red sleeve
- Wear solid and appropriate underwear
- Must conform to agency specific guidelines