

Wallace State Community College

Department of Nursing Education

Dress Code Clarification

See the 2016-17 WSCC DNE Student Handbook on Website

http://www.wallacestate.edu/Content/Uploads/wallacestate.edu/files/Nursing_Student_Handbook_2016-2017.pdf

Some questions have surfaced regarding the dress code. If you go to the WSCC DNE Handbook you will find the official answers regarding the dress code. *The wrist watch can have a digital second timer but CANNOT be an Apple Watch or Android Watch that receives text messages, etc. Please use a basic wrist watch for clinical.*

The Wallace State Community College official school uniform consists of:

1. Royal blue scrub uniforms and a white lab coat.
2. Students must purchase uniforms through the official WSCC vendor.
3. Any shirt worn under the scrubs must be white and without logos.
4. School patch must be on left sleeve of lab coat and on the upper left side of scrub top.
5. Plain white, brown, or black leather duty shoes are required (no mesh, no clogs, clog-like shoes, open-toed or shoes without a back). Sock color must coordinate with shoe color.
6. Photo ID name badge (worn on front of scrub top) with picture visible.
7. Items required for every clinical: Stethoscope, black ink pen, pen light, bandage scissors, calculator, and **wrist watch that records time in seconds.**

Personal Appearance for Class and Clinical Attendance (All Students)

1. Good personal hygiene is required.
2. Nails must be short and clean.
3. Perfumes, colognes, perfumed body lotions, or after shave may NOT be worn while in uniform/scrubs.
4. Uniform/scrubs must be neat, clean, in good repair without stains or wrinkles. Shoes and shoe strings must also be clean.
5. When permitted to wear street clothes, students are expected to utilize good taste. Clothing such as tee shirts with logos, jeans, tight, low-cut, or revealing clothing, athletic shoes or high heels are all considered inappropriate and unacceptable in the professional role. When in doubt, contact the clinical instructor prior to attendance.
6. Jewelry is restricted while in uniform/scrubs for all students to a watch with a second hand, wedding rings, and one small pair of stud earrings (**one in each ear only**). No decorative necklaces, bracelets, program insignia (i.e., EMT or LPN) or other pins are allowed to be worn while representing the school. Medic Alert jewelry may be worn if necessary. **No computer watches.**
7. Absolutely no pierced objects, including but not limited to tongue rings, nose rings, or eyebrow rings, are allowed while on clinical duty as a WSCC student nurse, either in uniform/scrubs or private clothes.

8. Hair is to be neat, clean and worn in a simple off-the-collar style (back from the face and not obscuring vision). No extreme hair color; only naturally occurring hair color.
9. Use of any tobacco products during clinical is prohibited on the agency campus including but not limited to the smoking area provided for staff. Electronic cigarettes are not permitted
10. Visible tattoos must be covered with Band-Aids, makeup, or a long-sleeved white tee shirt without logos under the uniform top.
11. Chewing gum is prohibited during clinical, labs, simulation, and testing.
12. Only clear nail polish is allowed unless prohibited by agency policy. Use of any type of artificial nails is strictly prohibited. Clinical students may only use hand lotion that is provided by the agency.
13. Conservative make-up may be worn.
14. No hair ribbons, bows or ornaments are permitted. Long hair must be worn up or tied back away from the face.
15. Males must wear white shirt under scrubs. White is the only color permitted to wear with scrubs. A plain white undershirt without logos or decoration can be worn under the uniform/scrub top.
16. Neatly trimmed and groomed mustache or beard is permitted and must be short enough for a face mask to fit face.