

NURSING DRESS CODE POLICY

Students are expected to wear the College uniform and abide by professional behaviors during clinical experiences or representing the College on or off campus. The following standards are required in all clinical experiences:

- In general, a neat, well-groomed appearance is considered acceptable.
- Shoes with laces must be tied; slip-on style shoes must have a back – no backless clog styles, open-toed shoes, sandals, or heeled shoes.
- Hair is to be neat and clean at all times and if dyed, should be a natural hair color. Hair must be kept out of student's face and eyes at all times. Hair that is longer than shoulder length must be tied back or styled with clips, combs, headbands, etc. to keep hair out of the student's face/eyes. Bangs, straight or side swept, that cover or fall in front of eyes must be secured with pins, combs, or headbands. Beards and mustaches must be clean and trimmed.
- Jewelry must be kept to a minimum: wedding bands and smooth rings are acceptable; rings with stones and sharp edges harbor bacteria and scratch tender skin; necklaces/chains that are longer than 18" dangle and may be caught on equipment or easily pulled. Only one short necklace is allowed. Limit earrings to two per ear with no hoops or earrings that dangle $>\frac{1}{2}$.
- Other body and facial piercing must be removed or concealed at all times, eyelid, nose, lip, and tongue rings/studs, and ear gauging may not be worn during clinical.
- Daily body and oral hygiene are expected.
- Fingernails must be short (no longer than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch) and clean with only clear or neutral colored polish; no acrylic nails.
- Cosmetics should be tasteful and worn in moderation.
- No perfume.
- Ohio Business College name badge, along with additional name tags as issued by clinical facilities, must be worn and visible at all times in the clinical setting.
- Watches are necessary for assessment and should be worn to each clinical experience. If a student has a smart watch, the watch must be kept in silent mode and may not be utilized for personal communication outside of break times.