

Professional Appearance and Dress Code Policy

The Lindsey Wilson College nursing uniform will be “Galaxy Blue” in color. This particular color can be purchased in various brands (i.e. Landau, Cherokee, etc.). An official Lindsey Wilson student patch is to be sewn on the left sleeve of the uniform and white lab coat. No other patches or emblems are to be sewn or ironed on the uniform or lab coat.

The Lindsey Wilson College nursing uniform, white lab-coat with emblem, and name tags are to be worn in the clinical areas. While functioning in any student nurse role, white lab coats with approved name tags and LWC nursing program patch are required. Some clinical facilities may require students to adhere to specific agency dress codes. Course faculty are responsible for informing students of specific dress requirements. Lindsey Wilson College nursing uniforms should not be worn during externships.

Students should always adhere to the following guidelines regarding professional appearance and dress code in the clinical facility. During professional classroom experiences, such as field trips, conferences, etc., students should maintain a business casual dress code with the following guidelines applying:

- Clean pressed uniform
- No jogger style pants are allowed
- Students may wear a clean, white short-sleeve or long sleeve t-shirt under scrub top. Some facilities will allow a black long sleeve t-shirt under scrub top
- Plain hosiery or socks that match shoe color
- Name tags and program patch worn on lab coat and/or uniform above the waist
- ONLY LWC Nursing Student Patch Permitted on LWC Nursing Uniform
- Clean white or black closed toe leather shoes. (No mesh shoes permitted)
- Hair clean, of natural color (no extreme hair dyes), neatly arranged away from face and should not hang below shoulders for patient care
- Conservative hair accessories
- Short, neatly trimmed beards
- Clean, short, neutral color nails. No chipping nail polish.
- ~~No nail polish or artificial nails~~
- Make-up in moderation (no extreme colors)
- No artificial eyelashes.
- Jewelry - plain band type ring, watch, and one pair of small stud earrings (lower lobe of ear)
- No permanent jewelry
- No visible facial piercing (eyebrows, lip, nose, tongue)
- All visible tattoos covered
- No gum chewing
- No smoking immediately prior to clinical or at any time during the clinical experience

Professional Attire

At various times during the academic year, LWC pre-licensure BSN students may attend or represent the Program of Nursing or College at various events. Professional attire and behavior is always required. Faculty will notify students when lab coats are needed. Otherwise, students should always wear the LWC BSN Nursing Student name tag. When in doubt about professional attire, please check with the course faculty and follow the guidelines below:

Women: Business casual dress with blouses and neckline sufficiently high so that no cleavage is visible. Casual shirts and sweatshirts are not appropriate. Pants should be no higher than ankle length and all blouses should cover the mid abdominal area. Shoes must be appropriate for walking. Flip-flops are not appropriate.

Men: Woven collared dress shirts or knit polo-style shirts (long or short sleeve) required. Trousers should be a single, solid color, no blue-jeans allowed. Shoes and socks should be appropriate to the outfit. Sandals or flip flops are not appropriate.

- Hair clean, of natural color (no extreme hair dyes), neatly arranged away from face or patient care
- Conservative hair accessories
- Short, neatly trimmed beards
- Clean, short, neutral color nails. No chipping nail polish.
- ~~No nail polish or artificial nails~~
- Make-up in moderation (no extreme colors)
- Jewelry - plain band type ring, watch, and one pair of small stud earrings (lower lobe of ear)
- No permanent jewelry
- No visual facial piercing (eyebrows, lip, nose, tongue)
- All visible tattoos covered
- No gum chewing
- No smoking immediately prior to clinical or at any time during the clinical experience