

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

Community

- Red BU polo shirt or red BU uniform
- Closed toed shoes and socks/hose
- Navy or black sweater optional
- White lab coat required in certain settings
- BU name badge worn above the waist is required

Obtaining Assignment from Hospital

- Selected BU golf shirt or business casual shirt, nice dress or slacks (at least ankle length) /skirt with shirt
- Closed toed shoes and socks/hose (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 one earring per ear, stud style only (no 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
- Hair color must be natural 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
- All tattoos must be covered