

**ALLEN COLLEGE – UNITYPOINT HEALTH
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

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Approved By:



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SUBJECT: Student Uniform and Dress Code

PURPOSE: To ensure professional attire and appearance for Allen College undergraduate nursing students.

EFFECTIVE

FOR: Undergraduate students, School of Nursing

POLICY:

1. All students shall exhibit dress that is appropriate and professional by adhering to the uniform and dress code set by Allen College and affiliating agencies. If at any time, the affiliating institution policy and the Allen College policy seem in conflict, the student shall adhere to the clinical site's policy.
2. The students' I.D. Badge must be worn at all times when in the hospital/clinical area and be clearly visible. It must be replaced immediately if it is lost.
3. Pre-licensure student uniform:
 - a. Prescribed uniforms consisting of royal blue pants and royal blue tops will be worn by students while in the clinical setting, unless otherwise specified by department. The royal blue top shall have the Allen College logo embroidered. It is permissible to wear a short or long-sleeved solid white, black or gray shirt under the royal blue top.
 - b. Students are required to have an Allen College approved laboratory coat with the designated Allen College logo. This coat is the only article of clothing that can be worn over the uniform in the clinical setting.
 - c. Shoes and socks must be clean and in good repair. Crocs and canvas shoes are not allowed. It is recommended that shoes be designated for clinical use only.
 - d. Undergarments shall not be visible through the uniform.
 - e. Department scrub clothing shall not be worn out of the hospital except with special permission.
4. RN-BSN student uniform:
 - a. The student is required to follow the dress code stipulated by each clinical agency. In most clinical agencies, professional business attire and a laboratory coat is required during the clinical experience.

5. Acceptable jewelry for all students includes:
 - a. Watch.
 - b. Piercings:
 - i. Facial piercings of any kind, regardless of material, are not permitted. This includes a pierced object in the nose, eyebrow, tongue, or other visible area.
 - ii. Earrings must be button-style in patient care areas.
 - c. Rings - No more than two rings per hand are permitted. Rings must be removed and secured inconspicuously to the uniform in areas where policy prohibits the wearing of rings.
 - d. Necklace - A single, chain necklace that does not hang outside the clothing and is tight enough so that it will not be caught is acceptable.
 - e. A medical alert bracelet/necklace may be worn.
6. Tattoos - Tattoos containing inappropriate or discriminatory content must be covered.
7. Grooming:
 - a. Hair must be kept neat and clean. Hair should not obstruct the team member's view or come in contact with patients. Only natural hair dye colors are acceptable.
 - b. Mustaches, sideburns, and beards must be clean and neatly trimmed.
8. Cosmetics shall be worn in a professional manner. Strong perfumes/colognes shall be avoided when caring for patients.
9. Fingernails shall be kept closely trimmed. Personnel providing patient care may wear nail polish (any color) that is in good repair unless the individual department policy states otherwise (i. e. OR, L&D, NICU). Artificial nails and tips are not permitted in any patient care areas.
10. Gum chewing is prohibited for students when in uniform or when having contact with either patients or the public.