

THE VOCATIONAL NURSING INSTITUTE, INC.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

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TITLE: STUDENT DRESS CODE

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PURPOSE

This school has a responsibility to preserve and foster the professional image and reputation of the organization. Because a student's appearance is important in achieving the desired image, all students are expected to dress appropriately for school.

GUIDELINES:

Instructors and faculty members will have the responsibility and authority to determine the appropriateness of their student's attire. The guidelines included in this policy will help both Instructors and Faculty Members to make consistent and reasonable decisions as to whether or not the dress and appearance of any individual student meets the required standards. Because of the diversity in this school, some areas may need separate and/or additional guidelines specific to their areas. **However, all students are expected to adhere to the following general guidelines:**

- A. Students should, at all times, present a positive image which is in keeping with the overall image of the school. Therefore, student's attire should be of a style and fit appropriate to this image. Students by the 3rd day of class or as directed by their instructor are to wear scrubs with their name badge at all times. They are to wear nurse white duty shoes as well.
- B. Appropriate undergarments are always required. No long johns or under shirts are allowed under the scrubs except in cold weather, and the under shirt must be crisp white. White lab coats are allowed in cold weather, no other color of outer lab coat is allowed. If a lab coat is worn the name badge must be fixed to the outer lapel of the lab coat for ease of identification.
- C. Hair should be neat, clean, and not extreme in style. Bright colors such as Purple, Orange, Pink, etc. are not appropriate for nursing assistants or nursing students. No head coverings are allowed.
- D. Jewelry must be non-dangling and minimal. No nose rings, tongue piercings, facial piercings allowed.
- E. Excessive amounts of perfume, cologne, and aftershave are to be avoided.
- F. Midriffs are not to be exposed.
- G. Personal cleanliness is expected of all students.
- H. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, are not allowed without a cover shirt over. Excessive cleavage is not allowed to be showing. No short shorts (short length must meet fingertips of individual with arms down to their sides).
- I. Long hair should be put up during clinical scheduled times.
- J. Wear your watch with the 2nd hand starting day 3 of class.
- K. The decision as to whether dress is professional in appearance or not, falls ultimately to the instructor and School Director. If there is an oversight and the policy does not address each individual item that may come up, the ultimate decision on appropriateness is made by the faculty member and School Director.
- L. If a student purchases a school shirt, or clothing of any kind, this clothing cannot be worn in a bar, strip club, or other such environments.

Location: TX

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