

Middle Tennessee State University
School of Nursing
Undergraduate Program Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy

The following student uniform and dress code policy applies to all undergraduate upper-division nursing students in both the traditional BSN and RN to BSN tracks.

A complete nursing uniform is required beginning the first semester of the program. Only uniforms purchased through the MTSU bookstore will be acceptable.

Students are required to adhere to the approved MTSU nursing dress code including the following:

1. All students must purchase nursing uniforms from the MTSU bookstore including:
 - a. Top
 - b. Laboratory jacket
 - c. Name badge holder
2. All uniforms must be clean, pressed well-fitting and in good repair at all times.
3. All students will wear an approved name badge and holder.
4. Uniforms should be worn only during clinical experiences, approved SON events, lab experiences and during transportation to and from clinical sites.
5. Students must wear a lab coat with casual business attire and closed-toed shoes for clinical visits where a uniform is not required. Lab coats are to be white in color and have the SON logo.
6. Both uniforms and lab coats should have the MTSU embroidered logo.
7. White or navy sweaters may be worn with uniforms to and from clinical experiences, but may not be worn in the patient rooms. If sleeves are needed for warmth, the lab coat may be worn.
8. Regular designated all black leather nursing shoes must be worn. The shoes should be designated by the student for clinical use only. Athletic style shoes are acceptable if without color or stripes.
9. Socks should be non-bulky, stripe less and design-free.
10. Acceptable jewelry with uniforms includes wedding band, only one pair of PLAIN stud earrings. One stud earring in each earlobe is allowable. No gauges are allowed. No other jewelry is to be worn in the clinical area.

11. All student must wear a watch to clinical activities. Watches must have second hand. No smart watches allowed.
12. Male students may have a beard and/or moustache as long as it is short and neatly trimmed. Male beards must be established.
13. Hair must be neat, clean and professional in appearance. All hair should be pulled back from the face and off the shoulder when in uniform. No large barrettes or bows may be worn.
14. Student hair color must be a natural color—not pink, purple, blue, and green, etc.
15. Fingernails should be short (just barely covering the tips of fingers), clean and not polished. Artificial nails are not worn in any clinical agency. No perfumes or cologne should be worn.
16. Tattoos and body piercings are discouraged. All tattoos and body piercings are to be covered or removed when in the hospital and community-based sites.
17. Each student is required to have a name badge, bandage scissors, hemostat, black pen, wristwatch with second hand, stethoscope, pen-light, and ruler for use during the clinical experiences

In addition, it is the responsibility of the student to follow clinical agency policies relating to dress code.