

DRESS CODE

Established for all students to promote a positive and professional image to all medical, nursing, patients, families, and the public while representing the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health (CONAH).

In an effort to promote a positive and professional image of CONAH, all nursing students are expected to comply with the dress code standards as outlined. Requests for exception to the dress code standards for medical or religious accommodation will be considered on an individual basis.

It is the responsibility of the faculty to monitor student's compliance with dress code standards.

Failure to comply with the dress code standards shall result in clinical dismissal for the day and/or progressive disciplinary actions as indicated.

General Standards

Selection of the uniforms or items that bear the school emblem are selected by the student body with the approval of CONAH administration. As such, the responsibility for maintaining the uniform standard is the joint responsibility of the student body and the faculty.

Students are to be in approved uniform when in clinical, and while attending designated activities outside of clinical (i.e. graduation; health fairs) that represent the College. School uniforms are not to be worn at any functions other than those designated and approved by the CONAH.

Identification badges are to be worn on pocket/above the waist of uniform or non-uniform clothing at all times while on campus.

Undergarments are not to be visible.

Clinical Area

Fingernails – Short (not to extend longer than ¼" beyond fingertips), and polish, if worn, must be a natural or clear color. Acrylic nails and gel nail polish are prohibited.

Hair – Neat, controlled and pulled back while in the clinical area. Plain barrettes and headbands similar to hair color may be worn, but no other hair adornment is acceptable. No bows, hairnets, or decorative hair ornaments are acceptable. Hair color must be natural looking (i.e. No purple, blue, green) and well maintained. Beards and mustaches are to be neatly trimmed.

Cosmetics – Should be appropriate for a business environment. No perfume or cologne allowed in any patient care area.

Tattoos must be concealed.

Equipment – Pencil, stethoscope, pen light, watch with the capability to measure seconds, pen with black ink (no felt tip or erasable pens), and small pocket notebook. Smart phone may be utilized in the clinical area at the discretion of the instructor.

Jewelry – Limited to:

- Earrings (any color miniature stud - one stud only per ear)
- Facial piercings (one miniature stud in nose -must be clear stone or of basic metal color)
- Neck chain, if worn, must be concealed under the uniform collar and not visible
- No bracelets
- Wedding set or one simple ring

Cover-up – A navy blue uniform warm-up jacket is an optional part of the uniform. The School emblem must be worn on the left sleeve. No sweaters may be worn at the bedside. Sweatshirts are unacceptable. A navy colored long sleeved undergarment may be worn as an alternative to cover-up. Must be of matching navy color to uniform.

Shoes – Clean, leather or impermeable, all white or all black shoes with non-skid sole. No hi-tops are to be worn.

Chewing of gum or candy is not permitted in the clinical area.

Uniform

- Regulation uniform – Navy blue top and navy-blue uniform trousers or uniform dress/skirt. Skirt hem must be at the knee or below.
- School emblem - Worn on left sleeve.
- Hosiery – White or neutral with no designs. Knee-highs or socks are not to be worn with dresses. Pantyhose, knee-highs, socks may be worn with pants.
- Color of socks and shoes must match.
- Maternity Uniform – Navy blue maternity uniform of own choice with short sleeves may be worn with School emblem on the left sleeve.

Class Designation Insignia

The insignia identifies the student's progression in the School of Nursing and corresponds to an expected level of performance in the program. The insignia is to be worn on the right sleeve. Patch must be placed one and a half inch from the edge of the right sleeve.

- Semester 1: 1 navy blue stripe
- Semester 2: 2 navy blue stripes
- Semester 3: 3 navy blue stripes
- Semester 4: 4 navy blue stripes

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Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4

Classroom Attire

The classroom is a business environment and appropriate casual attire (clean, modest, neat, no tears, no inappropriate language or logos) should be worn.

Student Worker Attire

Students may not be identified as a "nursing student" while in the student worker role. If the School uniform is worn, the School emblem is to be removed, and the student worker identification badge is to be used.

Graduation Attire

Academic gowns and caps are worn by members of the graduating class during the ceremony. Academic gown and caps are not to be decorated.

Reference:

Los Angeles County +University of Southern California Medical Center Department of Nursing Services Policy # 501 Dress Code