
FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

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Program:	Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing	Reviewed:	January 30, 2017

PURPOSE:

The Professional Dress Code policy provides parameters for students who are expected to demonstrate the image of the professional psychiatric nurse while maintaining public health regulations when working in clinical placement sites in institutions and in the community.

POLICY:

Psychiatric nursing students are required to abide by the uniform and dress policy as outlined by the Faculty of Health Studies at Brandon University. Requests for changes to attire due to culture or customs will be considered by the department. This policy gives primary consideration to public health regulations. Students are expected to maintain personal hygiene and grooming, and to project a professional image. At all times, language used shall be considerate and appropriate to the profession of psychiatric nursing. Students who do not abide by this policy may be asked to leave clinical areas.

The consequences for students who breach the Professional Dress Code Policy are outlined in the Brandon University General Calendar under the section Faculty of Health Studies: Professional Conduct.

Name Tag

Students must wear a Brandon University *Faculty of Health Studies, Psychiatric Nursing Program* photo id in appropriate clinical settings.

Attire

In clinical situations students must wear either complete uniforms or appropriate street attire as determined by the protocol established for the clinical setting.

Uniforms are worn in clinical settings only and must be removed prior to leaving the clinical setting. Travel from a work setting in a uniform has potential to transport and transfer organisms that threaten the health of the public. **Under no circumstances** can a

uniform that has been worn in a clinical setting be left on and worn to class. Shoes must be worn only on clinical area and not outside of the facility

The complete uniform shall consist of:

- the basic uniform approved for the BScPN Program;
- clean white duty/nursing shoes/May be runners if the sole and the majority of the shoe is white;
- white socks or hose with no coloured markings; and
- white sweaters or T-Shirts with no phrases or logos.

Street attire shall be clean, in good repair, and appropriate to the area/activity.

Dress clothes shall include dresses, skirts or dress shorts of minimal length close to the knee; slacks, shirts, blouses, and polo shirts.

Sports clothes for special activities only shall include running shoes, jeans, shorts, and sweat clothes.

Shoes shall be practical with low heels.

General appearance shall also be consistent with a professional image.

- Course Faculty may require tattoos to be covered.
- Cosmetics may be worn in moderation.
- Fragrances should not be worn.
- Hair must be under control and worn in a fashion not to interfere with client care. Hair should be worn off the face and collar with no loose strands over the face or shoulders.
- Beards, mustaches and side burns must be neatly trimmed.
- Fingernails shall be short and neat with no polish. Artificial nails or nail tips of any kind not permitted.
- Chewing gum is not permitted.
- Jewelry: to not interfere & or pose a safety or health risk
 - o rings: plain band with no grooves or stones only for direct client care
 - o body piercings are limited to small stud jewelry
 - o necklaces: only Medic Alert to be worn inside uniform
 - o bracelets: Medic Alert bracelets only
 - o watches: lapel or wrist watch with second hand or function