

## **PORTER AND CHESTER INSTITUTE Practical Nursing Program**

### **Clinical and Classroom Dress Code Policy**

Each student represents the professional standards of the Porter and Chester Institute Practical Nursing Program. This dress code is designed to protect the personal safety of students while in the clinical area, project a professional image of nursing and portray the proud heritage of Porter and Chester Institute.

#### **1. Uniforms:**

Students are required to wear the approved uniform in classroom and clinical. All uniforms should be neat, clean, wrinkle free and properly fitting with appropriate undergarments. Undergarments should be undetectable through professional attire. A solid white non textured long sleeve turtleneck or crew neck may be worn underneath. In the classroom, a white or navy blue cardigan sweater may be worn. Photo identification badges must be worn at all times.

Students not dressed professionally will be asked to leave the classroom or the clinical site, and the missed time will be deducted. Repeated dress code violations could result in classroom or clinical failure.

#### **2. Shoes:**

Shoes should be all white, completely enclosed, flat-heeled, non-canvas, either uniform or athletic shoes with white laces. Shoes must be kept clean and polished. Shoes are to be worn with either all white socks or hose.

#### **3. Hair:**

Hair must conform to infection control guidelines and professional appearance, therefore must be off shoulders and away from the face. Long hair should be secured with neutral elastic, clip, or barrette. All other hair decorations, hats, sweatbands and scarves are not allowed. Hair glitter and non-conventional hair colors or styles are unacceptable. Facial hair must be kept trimmed and well groomed.

#### **4. Jewelry:**

Jewelry permitted when in uniform includes ONLY the following:

- d. a wrist watch with a second hand
- e. a plain band wedding ring with no stones
- f. plain post-type earrings (one in each ear)

No other body jewelry is permitted.

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**5. Tattoos:**

All tattoos must be covered at all times during classroom and clinical experience.

**6. Personal Hygiene and Habits:**

All students are required to maintain a high standard of personal cleanliness. Unclean, unkempt appearance, unpleasant body or breath odors, including smoke odors, are not acceptable. Non-scented makeup and hair products may be worn. Makeup should conform to natural body tones. Perfume, scented lotion, and scented deodorants are not permitted.

Nails should be clean, well kept, and nail length should be no longer than one-quarter inch. Artificial nails and nail polish are not permitted.

No chewing gum while in uniform.

Smoking and use of other tobacco products are discouraged and must be confined to designated areas.

By completing the acknowledgement form, I certify that the items listed above pertinent to my program were covered with me prior to enrolling.