

Dress Code and Expenses Fall 2025

Please be aware that the costs presented in the Expenses section are current as of November 2024 and are subject to change.

Dress Code

Clinical attire:

- **Dress code guidance is to be adhered to any time the student is in the Nursing uniform, whether on or off campus.**
- All students should appear clean, well groomed, and in appropriate attire for that particular clinical.
- The uniform must be clean, wrinkle-free, and pressed.
- Shoes must be clean and free of scuffs, completely white, solid leather (no holes on tops or sides), and with enclosed heel and toe.
- White crew (mid-calf), or above the ankle, socks must be worn with the uniform. Support hose are recommended, but optional.
- Undergarments must be worn and must not be visible through the uniform.
- Only solid white shirts (no logos, etc...) may be worn under the uniform.
- Men: Facial hair must create an overall neat, polished, and professional look and must be fully grown in, neatly groomed, and well-maintained at no longer than a quarter of an inch in length, or short enough to accommodate proper fit of N-95 respirator where applicable.
- Men must wear crew-type white t-shirts under their uniforms, and their hair must not touch the top of the uniform collar.
- Women must wear hair neat, off the collar, pulled back from face (only natural hair-colored clips may be worn).
- Women may wear light to moderate make-up. No heavy make-up or unnatural colors, including hair, are authorized. If there are questions on what is acceptable, discuss with the clinical instructor prior to the beginning of the clinical experiences.
- All students must have short fingernails. No finger nail polish or artificial nails may be worn. (*When students hold their hands up with their palms facing them, nails should not be visible above the fingertips.*)
- Students may not wear perfume/aftershave or perfumed lotions or creams.
- No jewelry may be worn while in uniform except a wedding band. Exception – students may wear a single pair of stud earrings in the lobe of their ears. The stud earrings may be gold, silver, clear, or “pearl” in color. If you have any questions on what is acceptable, discuss with the clinical instructor prior to the beginning of the clinical experience.

- Body art (i.e. tattoos, piercings, etc...) and body alterations or modifications must be covered at all time in the clinical setting and while wearing the FHU Nursing uniform. While on campus, University policy concerning tattoos applies.
- Name badges must be worn at all times in the clinical environment, at the chest level.
- Students must bring their clinical resources, black ink pen, watch, penlight, scissors, and stethoscope to all patient care clinical experiences.
 - **NOTE:** For safety reasons it is recommended that you do not wear your stethoscope around your neck in the clinical environment.
- Students are expected to be appropriately attired, in accordance with the Dress Code, when going to clinical agencies to get their assignments, and for other non-bedside clinical experiences unless otherwise instructed.
- Do not remove any part of your uniform until you are in your vehicle and have left the hospital/clinic grounds completely.
- SHORTS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED IN ANY CLINICAL ENVIRONMENT.
- **NOTE:** You are encouraged to take good care of your uniforms during the program to ensure they are not ripped, faded, or ill-fitting. You are required to wear it during the Nursing Pinning Ceremony during your last semester.

Any person in violation of the dress code will be sent home from clinical, and a daily grade of "0" will be given.

Expenses

In addition to regular University fees, tuition, and cost of books or other course requirements, Nursing students should anticipate the following expenses:

- Upon admission to the Nursing program, students will incur the University Allied Health Program fee **(\$1570)**. This will be charged each semester in the program (4 semesters)
- A watch with a second hand (cost varies - purchase before start of semester),
- School clinical uniforms and lab jacket **(\$115** - purchase in NSG301),
- White leather shoes with enclosed heel and toe,
- White support hose or white crew socks,
- Stethoscope (cost varies - purchase before the first day of class),
- Criminal background check **(\$65** - paid by student. Further guidance will be provided at a later date regarding purchase.),
- Immunizations (varies - student's responsibility),
- Yearly TB skin test/x-ray (varies - student's responsibility),
- CPR recertification, if necessary.
- Hurst Review Course **(\$349** – paid by student in Spring of senior year)
- NCLEX-RN PassPoint material **(\$160** – paid by student in Spring of senior year)
- Department of Nursing pin (student's responsibility -- last semester purchase, approximately **\$40-\$70** depending on metal chosen),

- Fees to the State Board of Nursing for licensure (fees vary by state) this will be incurred in the last semester,
- Background/fingerprint fee related to license application (**\$30-40** but could vary depending on state – paid by student in Spring of senior year)
- Fees to the NCLEX testing center (**\$200** - student's responsibility) (last semester)