

Preparation for Clinical

1. Equipment Needed For Clinical Practice

For all clinical areas (except perhaps for your Psychiatric rotations) students need to have:

- Stethoscope
- A reliable watch with a second hand
- A blood pressure cuff for community health rotations
- Black pen because hospital records are microfilmed
- Pen light and scissors are also helpful

2. Clinical dress code:

Appropriate Dress for the Clinical Setting:

- A white uniform (dress or pant uniforms).
- White leather shoes.
- White lab coat.
- An official name badge with picture. Please see [ID Cards](#) for more information.
- A USF uniform patch.
- For psychiatric and community health clinical experiences, clean and appropriate street clothes.
- A sweater if necessary, white, not bulky, or with ornaments.
- Top/blouse that covers midriff

For Hygienic and Safety Reasons Nursing Students Are Required to:

- Keep fingernails short, clean, and well groomed
- Keep hair styled in a controlled manner that keeps it away from patients and equipment
- Hair must be pulled back from the face

Attire Not Acceptable in the Clinical Settings:

- Jeans.
- Clogs, sandals, high heels.
- Dangling earrings, rings, bracelets, necklaces
- White overalls.
- Colored scrub dresses or pants, unless they are hospital policy.
- Excessive make up or perfume
- Ankle socks.
- Nose rings, lip rings, eyebrow rings or any other visible "body" rings or piercings other than simple stud earrings in the ears
- Artificial/acrylic nails

Please note: Cell phones and pagers must be off when taken into the clinical area.