

# JANUARY 2022 ADDENDUM TO NURSING PROGRAM STUDENT HANDBOOK 2021-2022

*Nursing Program Student Handbook 2021-2022: Clinical Skills Laboratory Policy pg. 37*

Students will have three opportunities in the skills lab to demonstrate competency. Failure to demonstrate competency with the skill after the third attempt will result in course non-progression.

The student will be responsible for demonstrating competency of specified skills in the skills lab. The instructor will teach, demonstrate, and supervise the practice of the skill. The student is responsible for required readings and review of **videos and** handouts if applicable. The student should make arrangements for additional practice of the skill if needed.

E-value is utilized for some lab skills. The student is responsible for logging skills performed and patient demographics into E-value. Any area that the faculty finds to be below the rating of “2” is considered unsatisfactory.

The student will attempt to check-off the specified skill through one-on-one observation by an instructor. Evaluation will be based on the instructor’s final assessment. **The following 0-3 scale is used for the faculty evaluation.**

- 0=Student is very unfamiliar with the skill.
- 1=Student needs further practice of the skill.
- 2=Student demonstration of the skill was adequate and appropriate for level
- 3=Student performance was above expected level

The student will get three (3) opportunities to successfully complete each skill. The student cannot repeat a check-off attempt on the same day of a failed attempt. If unsuccessful on the first try, the student must do the following:

- Review of skill via reading procedure and video (if applicable)
- Practice in lab (as permits) and outside of lab time as needed
- Demonstration to another student who has previously checked off
- Arrange a second check-off attempt with the course coordinator

If unsuccessful on the second try, the student must do the following:

- Review of skill via reading procedure and video (if applicable)
- Practice in lab (as permits) and outside of lab time as needed
- Demonstration to faculty member
- Arrange a third (final) check-off attempt with the course coordinator

If the student is unsuccessful on the third try, the student will not be permitted to progress in the nursing course and will be withdrawn from that nursing course.

If a student is absent from a scheduled check-off validation for any reason, that check-off attempt is forfeited and a makeup will not be provided.

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Nursing Program Student Handbook 2021-2022: Uniform Guidelines pg. 33

**Men/Women** Clean and wrinkle-free Caribbean blue scrubs with embroidered SUSCC logo on right chest. Official Southern Union State Community College ID badges are required to be worn on the left chest at all times during clinical. Pants should not be frayed on the bottom or dragging the ground. White socks must be worn with pants. Shirts worn under scrub tops should be a neutral color (solid white, navy, or Caribbean blue, black or gray). Lab coats, if desired, may be Caribbean blue, **black** or solid white with the ID badge visible. For women who do not wish to wear pants: Dress/skirt length should be no shorter than the top of the knee with appropriate white socks or hose.

**ID Badge** Official Southern Union State Community College name badge is to be worn on the left side of the chest on the uniform at all times while in the clinical agency. Students ID badges must have a current date. **Students who do not wear their ID badge will be sent home from clinical.**

**Shoes** Clean, leather preferred (non-canvas), closed toe nursing or athletic shoes which are to be worn only for clinical. Closed heel shoes preferred, open heel shoes must have a heel strap. If unsure about shoe selection, have your shoe approved prior to clinical. No boots.

**Jewelry** Limited to wedding rings (ring with stone can be worn if hospital policy allows), watch with a second hand, **and small plain, non-dangling earrings**. Earrings may be worn only in pierced earlobes. Jewelry may not be worn in any other area of the body that may be pierced and visible to others.

**Perfume** Perfume or cologne shall not be worn in the clinical area.

**Hair** Clean and confined so that it does not interfere with patient care. **Hair must be kept off the shoulders and collar.** Hair color must be naturally occurring to humans and style should be within accepted societal norms. Students may not wear hair decorations to the clinical setting such as jewelry and or other articles not found naturally occurring in hair. **Headbands must be no wider than 2 inches in diameter. Scarves, hats, and caps are not permitted.**

- Nails** Natural, short and clean nails only. No clear or colored polish is allowed. Artificial nails, nail tips, gel nails are not permitted.
- Personal** Students are expected to maintain necessary personal hygiene including bathing daily, shampooing hair, and using underarm deodorant. Underclothing (including underwear and bras) must not be visible through the uniform.
- Tattoos** Tattoos that could be offensive to others must be covered.
- Other** A professional appearance is expected. Jeans, T-shirts, shorts, hoodies, sweatshirts or other very casual clothing may not be worn at any time at a clinical agency, or while representing SUSCC at various meetings.

**\*\*\*Students must also comply with all policies specified by clinical agencies\*\*\***

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*Nursing Program Student Handbook 2021-2022: Professional Licensure Information*

The Southern Union State Community College Nursing Program meets the state education requirements for a Registered and Practical nursing license in the state of Alabama and is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

Professional Licensure in other states and territories:

Southern Union State Community College has not determined if the Registered and Practical nursing programs at SUSCC meet the state education requirements in other states, any U.S. Territory, or the District of Columbia. Students who reside in a state other than Alabama or Georgia should contact the specific Board of Nursing in the state or territory where they plan to seek licensure to find additional educational requirements.

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