Imperial Valley College Nursing Student Uniform (Dress) Code (July, 2009)

I) Compliance with Uniform Code
   A) Student dress must conform to the uniform code of the IVC Nursing Program, San Diego Nursing Service and Education Consortium, and all clinical experience sites
   B) Any student who does not conform to uniform regulations will be instructed to leave the facility, return appropriately attired, and recognize the incident will constitute an absence for the number of hours missed

II) Uniform Requirements
   A) Uniforms must be worn whenever picking up assignments, all clinical experiences, labs for check-offs, and simulations. Uniforms must be clean, laundered daily and pressed
   B) The official uniform may be purchased from locally from Phoenix Uniforms located at 935 North Imperial Avenue in El Centro. (760) 353-9482, http://www.uniforms911.com or through http://www.Landau.com

1) The required shirt in standard white (Men #7489 and Women #8219) is a v-neck scrub top.
2) The required pant in true red (#8362 or 8321) is a scrub pant with an option for elastic or drawstring waist.
3) A white lab jacket is optional and is available through Phoenix Uniforms. The prior uniform zip-front top may be used as a lab jacket only until fall 2010
4) The nursing patch is to be worn on the left sleeve, ~ 3 inches from the shoulder seam
   (a) 1st semester – 1 stripe is to be worn on the right sleeve, ~ 3 inches from the shoulder seam. One free patch at orientation. Additional patches and stripes can be purchased.
   (b) Stripes for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th semesters will follow the 1st one as above
5) Additional uniform comments:
   (a) Only a white undershirt or white turtleneck is acceptable under the shirt; no colors or prints.
   (b) Shirt and pant must be professional and allow movement during nursing duties
   (c) Tailoring services available to fit your body build or other needs are available at Phoenix Uniforms.

6) Shoes & Hosiery
   (a) Shoes must be clean, all white, low top, closed-toe and heel, preferably rubber-soled and must be in good repair
      (i) Clog/mule like shoes with a strap may be permitted
      (ii) If white leather, must be polished or shined
      (iii) Shoe laces must be clean
   (b) Hosiery must be lightweight white cotton socks or white or tan hosiery, free of holes or runs. Plain untrimmed white ankle socks may be worn with hosiery

III) Accessories
   A) Required: The official IVC Nursing Student Identification Badge must be worn whenever in uniform or in any other area as directed or assigned by the instructor
   B) Required: Stethoscope, watch with second hand, pen with black or blue ink, pencil, notepad, penlight, bandage scissors, calculator and Kelly forceps
C) **Jewelry:** Only a wristwatch and one small post earring in each ear lobe may be worn; if married, a plain wedding band

1) No other jewelry is allowed

2) **Piercings** of any other visible body part or mouth/oral (except ears) are not acceptable and must be removed while in any clinical site, in nursing check offs, and in simulation areas

IV) **Professional Appearance and Behavior**

A) Professional attire, attitudes, and behavior are expected in the clinical setting and whenever representing the Nursing Program.

B) Fingernails must be short, neatly trimmed, no artificial nails or extenders. Polish must be colorless and intact

C) Hair must be clean, neat, and professional

1) Styled and restrained; i.e. if hair is long, it must be pulled back, braided, or pulled away from the collar with an inconspicuous holder

2) Hair should not come in contact with any patient or the front of the uniform

D) Cosmetics must be applied lightly. Avoid all perfumes, body sprays/splashes, hair spray, aftershave, etc.

E) Chewing gum is prohibited in all clinical sites, lab, and simulation areas

F) Tattoos must not be visible and must be covered with the uniform

V) **Exceptions**

A) The uniform for NURS 225 Psychiatric Nursing Application may be different than above. Your instructors will give you instructions as to the specifics.

B) For a few other clinical experiences where uniforms are not required, the student must wear professional full length pants (no jeans), knee-length skirt/dress, closed-toe shoes, and a lab coat with the official IVC RN/VN patch and stripe. No t-shirts are allowed.

C) The uniform is not required for lecture classes