

DEMSN Student Clinical Uniform and Equipment Requirements

POLICY:

The official Alverno nursing uniform with the Alverno patch is required for clinical practice courses. DEMSN students are discouraged from purchasing items other than the approved and designated uniform pieces because they will not be allowed to be worn in the clinical setting and thus will result in unnecessary and added expense. For the safety of students and others, clinical uniforms, including shoes must be in clean and in good repair.

All uniforms, scrub jackets, and shirts must be purchased at Galls (see procedures section below for address).

An Alverno photo ID is to be worn with the uniform at all times in clinical settings.

It is expected that students consistently maintain a professional appearance in the clinical setting that demonstrates respect for and facilitates the safety of clients, others, and self. This includes:

- A clean, pressed uniform or attire appropriate to the setting that is free of tobacco-smoke, pet-hair, and cologne scents. Pants should be hemmed so they do not touch the floor.
- Socks must be worn at all times; color should match either shoes or pants.
- Clinical shoes used **EXCLUSIVELY** for clinical practice. Clinical shoes are to be all **white, black, or red** without decoration. “Croc type” shoes (without holes) may be worn. If the shoe requires shoelaces, they must match the shoes.
- Simple jewelry, including a maximum of one small post earring per ear, may be worn. No other facial or body jewelry is acceptable and may pose a danger in some environments.
- Light makeup is acceptable; fragrances are not.
- Meticulous personal hygiene and grooming
- Clean hair of a naturally occurring color, coiffed in a hairstyle that is neat and off the shoulders
- Clean shaven face: if present, beards must be clean and neatly trimmed
- Clean and trimmed fingernails without nail polish; artificial nail tips, acrylic nails, etc. are not allowed.
- Limiting visible body art.
- Refraining from gum chewing during clinical practice.
- Refraining from **smoking while traveling to clinical settings and during clinical practice breaks. Third hand smoke poses a danger to our patients.**

Students may be dismissed from the clinical environment for violations of the uniform policy. Absence from the clinical environment may jeopardize students’ ability to be successful in the course.

Equipment required for clinical courses is identified in course syllabi. Students are required to furnish the basic medical equipment necessary for client care (e.g., stethoscope), which can be purchased through local medical supply stores or the **A Store. Students are advised to clearly mark their personal medical equipment with their name.**

PROCEDURE:

1. Student purchases the required Alverno College clinical nursing uniform from Galls, which is located at 500 East Oak St., Oak Creek, WI 53154. Galls' phone number is 414-762-7300. No substitutions are permitted without prior permission from the Undergraduate Nursing Admission and Advancement Committee.
2. An optional long sleeve black tee shirt may be worn under the red Alverno clinical uniform top.
3. The Alverno patch must be worn with the clinical uniform during client care; Galls will sew on the patch and if needed, hem students' uniform pants.
4. Pregnant students should consult with their clinical instructor regarding uniform requirements.
5. The students' Alverno photo ID is to be worn with the uniform at all times in clinical settings; the cost of the ID is charged as a course fee.
6. Plunging necklines, spaghetti strap tops, short skirts or dresses, and exposure of the breasts, abdomen, and buttocks are not acceptable in professional contexts and must be avoided.
7. A single pair of earrings, not larger than a dime may be worn in the clinical setting; no other visible jewelry in the eyebrow, nose, lip, tongue, etc. is acceptable and must be avoided.
8. Tattoos must be covered when possible.

Equipment needed beginning in***N-520 Health Assessment and Clinical Skills***

- Uniform/shoes/name badge
- Stethoscope (with bell and diaphragm preferred)
- Watch with a second hand
- BP cuff
- Bandage scissors
- Reflex hammer
- Penlight
- Tuning fork