

Student Expectations at Clinical

- The appropriate student attire for clinical is conservative business/business casual with a professional white lab coat - no scrubs, scrub jackets, jeans, short skirts, plunging necklines, high heels, etc. Makeup, jewelry and other accessories should be minimal and conservative. Students must wear NKU identification and any ID that the clinical site may require. Do not wear a work ID badge. The student's work ID is NOT to be used for identification purposes while practicing in the student role.
- Nurse Practitioner Equipment: A high quality stethoscope is required. Most other equipment is accessible on the nursing units as needed (i.e. otoscope, ophthalmoscope, reflex hammer, etc.)
- If the clinical site is also the student's place of employment, the role as student and employee must be kept separate and distinct. These roles cannot overlap. Employment activities cannot count towards clinical hours.
- Students should not use their cell phone for personal calls and messages (barring true emergencies). – Cell phone use in the clinical setting should be reserved for communication with the preceptor or to access web based clinical applications relevant to patient management with the smart phone capability.
- Students are expected to honor the schedule with arranged with their preceptor. Students are expected to adapt to and blend into the preceptor's schedule, be on time, be professional, and be prepared. Students should maintain a positive attitude, ask good questions, and demonstrate a strong work ethic. Students must provide reliable personal contact information to the preceptor and information about their nursing background to provide context about experience level.
- Significant and/or persistent breaches in professional behavior will reflect poorly upon clinical performance and course grade.