Policy U-15  
Florida State University  
College of Nursing

TITLE:  REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIORS

POLICY: Since each nursing student represents the College of Nursing (CON), the university and the nursing profession, the faculty believes the communication skills, professional dress, conflict resolution, safe provision of care and adherence to policy and procedure deemed to be critical for all nursing students in each learning environment throughout the program of study.

RATIONALE: Any student’s participation in didactic or clinical experiences requires that she/he meet the academic and professional standards of behavior that ensure patient comfort and safety.

Exhibit professional nursing behaviors including, but not limited to the following:

1. Dress in accordance with CON requirements at all times when representing the College of Nursing such as adhering to the dress code in the clinical or community setting.
2. Communicate using language and terms that demonstrate respect for others including addressing them by proper name and title.
3. Demonstrate ethical behavior including maintaining confidentiality.
4. Resolve conflicts by following defined lines of communication/chain of command.
5. Deliver safe, effective nursing care using sound judgment according to professional standards of practice.
6. Adhere to the policies and protocols of the College of Nursing, affiliating agencies, the Florida Nurse Practice Act and the legal mandates of society.