

Federal Security Agency  
U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
DIVISION OF NURSE EDUCATION

REGULATIONS FOR UNIFORMS FOR U. S. CADET NURSE CORPS

AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 2 PARAGRAPH (b) PUBLIC LAW 74

1. The approved design for the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps uniform is subject to a patent which has been assigned to the National Nursing Council for War Service, acting as agent of the U. S. Public Health Service.
2. All members of the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps in wearing the uniform shall conform strictly to the regulations as prescribed herein.
3. Persons in authority in the school of nursing shall see that members of the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps under their jurisdiction carefully observe these uniform regulations, and shall prescribe when the summer or winter uniform shall be worn.
4. Except as provided in Section 9 of these Regulations, the wearing of the uniform or any part thereof by any person who is not a member of the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps is prohibited.
5. The following general instructions are issued regarding the wearing and care of the uniform and related matters:
  - A. Wearing of uniform. Wearing of the uniform is optional except on occasions designated by the school of nursing. When worn, the uniform must be complete. No part may be worn with civilian dress, except that reefer coat or raincoat, and insignia may be worn with indoor uniform of the school of nursing.
  - B. Neatness. Uniforms shall be kept scrupulously clean and the wearer should present a neat, well-groomed appearance.
  - C. Disfigurement. If any part of the uniform is disfigured so that it is unfit to be worn, replacement must be made by the Cadet Nurse, or by the school of nursing, if the latter assumes this responsibility.
  - D. Jewelry. No conspicuous jewelry such as bracelets, earrings, necklaces, pins, shall be worn. Wrist watches and simple rings are permissible.
  - E. Hair. Hair should be arranged so that it does not touch the shoulders.
6. In accordance with the Regulations of the Surgeon General, the following articles of uniform and insignia will be as provided herein and will be supplied by the school of nursing. (Any additional numbers of these articles may be purchased by the Cadet at her own expense through order by the school of nursing to the J. C. Penney Company).
  - A. Uniform.
    - (1) Winter Suit: - Jacket and skirt of all-wool gray flannel with silver buttons and insignia.
    - (2) Summer Suits (2): - Styled exactly as the Winter Suit, but made of gray and white striped cotton fabric with removable buttons.
    - (3) Reefer Coat: - All-wool gray flannel, made in same contour as Winter Suit - has half belt at the back waistline.
    - (4) Raincoat: - Made of gray water-repellent material. Single-breasted with inside patch pockets, all-round belt, shoulder straps trimmed with buttons.
    - (5) Blouse: - White tucked rayon crepe, peter pan collar, short sleeves,



- (6) Beret: - Gray fur felt, side drape. May be worn at any appropriate angle.
- (7) Handbag: - Oval shaped, made of all-wool flannel to match reefer coat. Has shoulder strap.

B. Insignia.

- (1) Beret Emblems: - Large size metal insignia - cap device, U. S. Public Health Service - to be worn either directly at the front of the beret, or at the left front.
  - (2) Lapel Insignia: - Two pairs of silver insignia pins-Corps device, U. S. Public Health Service. One pair of insignia pins is for the right and left lapels of the suit jacket, one pair for the reefer coat lapels. The winged caduceus should be vertical, and the anchor ring  $3/4$  of an inch from the point of the lapel.
  - (3) Shoulder Epaulet Markings: - Pre-cadet nurse-plain epaulets. Junior cadet nurse-one silver Maltese Cross centered on each epaulet. Senior cadet nurse-two silver Maltese crosses on each epaulet, placed  $3/4$  of an inch front and back of shoulder seam.
  - (4) Sleeve Markings: - Sleeve marking shows the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps insignia-a silver Maltese Cross on a red oval bordered by the words "Cadet Nurse", in white-to be worn on the left sleeve three inches below the seam. There are two types of sleeve markings:
    - a. Sleeve marking for winter uniform is the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps insignia on matching all-wool gray flannel.
    - b. Sleeve marking for summer uniform is U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps insignia on washable white cotton duck.
  - (5) Buttons: - Buttons are marked with the Corps device of the U. S. Public Health Service.
7. Schools of nursing may determine whether or not Cadet Nurse insignia shall be worn on indoor uniforms and whether one or both of the following is to be worn:
- A. Silver lapel insignia pins may be removed from outdoor uniform and used on collar tips of school uniforms.
  - B. Cadet Nurse Sleeve insignia, identical as item (4) b, which may be worn on the upper left sleeve; on front or left of bib; or any other appropriate place designated by the school of nursing.
8. The following items will not be furnished but should conform:
- A. Gloves - summer or winter: Short black leather or fabric, plain. Short white fabric, plain.
  - B. Shoes: - Plain black leather, low or medium heel. Closed toes and heels.
  - C. Stockings: - Neutral beige in color, without clocks or decorations.
9. Cadet Nurses after graduation, graduate nurses who are employed by the schools of nursing in the training of U. S. Cadet Nurses, nurses who are receiving postgraduate instruction under Public Law 74, and nurses who are employed by the U. S. Public Health Service in administration of Public Law 74 are authorized to wear the uniform as provided in these Regulations, with the following modifications:
- A. The uniform must be purchased at the expense of the wearer.
  - B. Special arm insignia with the words "U. S. Nurse Corps" will replace the Cadet insignia.
  - C. Shoulder epaulet markings shall consist of three silver Maltese Crosses spaced evenly on each epaulet.

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