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## **Winona State University Department of Graduate Nursing Guidelines for Use of Personal Protective Equipment August 20, 2021**

Winona State University is carefully monitoring the evolving [COVID-19](#) pandemic and takes the responsibility of protecting the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, patients, and communities very seriously. The following recommendations for use of personal protective equipment (PPE) are intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and follow [Centers for Disease Control](#) guidelines and those of our clinical partners:

### **Each student must personally provide the following for each clinical and simulation day:**

1. One clean cotton, multilayer face covering for the mouth and the nose at all times while walking to and from the health care or simulation facility and while in the healthcare or simulation facility, including in breakrooms or other spaces where students might encounter co-workers. Wash the mask after each day's use. You will want to purchase enough to be able to launder them daily.
2. One medical-grade face covering that either ties securely at the crown of head (top tie) and base of neck (bottom tie) or that hooks appropriately around the ears. Use the mask throughout the clinical day, except when eating or drinking, and then discard.
3. One well-fitting pair of goggles that cover the front and sides of the eyes or a face shield that covers the front and sides of the face, including over any existing eyewear.
4. Hand sanitizer for personal use.
5. Disinfectant wipes for personal use.
6. One personal professional stethoscope, that has been disinfected with disinfectant wipes prior to entering the clinical or simulation setting.

Gowns and gloves will be provided by the clinical site/simulation area.

### **The Department of Graduate Nursing will provide N95 Fit Testing Annually**

Every student must have an N95 mask for potential use in any clinical setting. Each student will be offered fit testing for an N95 mask by the Department of Graduate Nursing. One mask will be provided by the Department of Graduate Nursing, free of charge. Students who have been fit tested at their place of work can utilize that same mask for clinical. The fit testing is good for one year or if the student loses or gains 10 pounds (this is sufficient weight to change the fit of the mask to the face). Students should wear the N95 fit tested mask in any situation in which caring for a COVID-19 positive patient/client occurs, in high-risk areas (defined by the facility), and during aerosolized treatments.

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