N571: Primary Care IV: Clinical Preceptorship
Semester Offered: Spring
Credits: 6: 6 clinical lab
Pre-requisite: N561, N562, & N563 or equivalent coursework

Course Description: This practicum allows students to further refine their family nurse practitioner skills. Students participate in the selection of a practice setting such as family health, pediatrics, women's health or gerontology or a broad based general practice based on availability. Theoretical perspectives are applied to enhance assessment and treatment skills for the selected area of practice. Emphasis will be placed on working with individuals and families across the lifespan within culturally diverse environments.

Course objectives:

1. Analyze a practice setting emphasizing its strengths and limitations.

2. Apply selected nursing theories to practice setting and clients encountered.

3. Demonstrate professional skills in the role of family nurse practitioner.

4. Demonstrate time management abilities consistent with the clinical setting and patient population.

5. Participate in self-evaluation in conjunction with preceptor and faculty.

6. Apply legal and ethical principles in the care of clients in a primary care setting.

7. Employ evidence-based clinical guidelines to guide practice.

Recommended Content and Concepts:

The 225 hours of clinical includes 6 hours of clinical seminar. Content of seminar meetings will involve the integration and synthesis of previous course content with current clinical practice.

Examples of learning activities:

Develop a relationship with a practicing nurse practitioner which will expand clinical practice time and enhance skills as a nurse practitioner.
Facilitate discussion of problems encountered in practice. Group problems, i.e. solving, evaluation of, implementation of solutions and the problem-solving process, will be used during the seminars.

Review the application process for advanced practice registered nurse, apply for certification examination, discuss nurse practitioner positions available and negotiation of credentialing process, and review the process for obtaining a temporary license.

Discuss the importance of participation in professional organizations and health policy as an advanced practice nurse.

Develop personal goals and complete a formal self evaluation.

Maintain a clinical log of all patients seen in primary care setting.

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