

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF NURSING  
Master Resource Outline**

**N575: Research or Professional Paper/Project**

Semester Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer

Credits: 1-4 crs / ND Maximum 6 crs.

Pre-requisite: Graduate standing

Course Description:

A research or professional paper or project dealing with a topic in the field. The topic must have been mutually agreed upon by the student and his or her major advisor and graduate committee.

Suggested guidelines for FNP graduate students:

- I. Role Development: This course allows the student to synthesize the knowledge gained in previous course work in the development of a project which will facilitate the development of the family nurse practitioner role. Topics should contribute to innovative practice models, evaluation of research, and/or concept development. The following topics are EXAMPLES which could be utilized:
  - A. Montana Nurse Practice Act-implication on Advanced nursing practice
  - B. Setting up an independent practice--including business plan
  - C. Statutory/Regulatory requirements
  - D. Prescriptive authority
  - E. Risk management in a primary care setting
  - F. Quality assurance programs and peer review in a primary care setting
  - G. Reimbursement
    1. Medicare
    2. Medicaid
    3. Private insurance
  - H. Ethical issues in practice
  - I. Protocols for primary care practice
  - J. Referrals patterns among primary care providers
  - K. Documentation in primary care practice
  - L. Role integration as an advanced practice nurse
  - M. Tax codes for contract employment
  - N. Utilization of nursing research in practice
  
- II. Synthesis: Students will be required to present an oral defense/presentation of the selected project in addition to an oral comprehensive exam.

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