

Montana State University-Bozeman
College of Nursing
Master Resource Outline

N583 Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice III

Credits: 6; Seminar 1; Clinical Lab 5

Semester Offered: Spring, Alternate Years

Prerequisites: N581, N582

Pre or Co-requisite: N553

Course Description: This course is the capstone course in a sequence designed to prepare students for advanced practice as clinical nurse specialists (CNS) in the care of adults with acute and chronic health problems. Students will synthesize and apply advanced knowledge and skills while implementing the CNS role with a diverse population of rural and urban adults with selected complex health problems. Emphasis is placed on articulating and implementing a professional philosophy and scope of practice for the CNS role, collaborating effectively within a multidisciplinary health care team, and working within health care systems to improve patient/client outcomes.

Course Objectives:

1. Synthesize research, theories, health care delivery concepts, and knowledge of advanced clinical skills to influence care of adults with complex health problems.
2. Interpret the CNS role to patients, other professionals, and the public.
3. Apply leadership and organizational skills in the areas of advanced practice, teaching, consultation and research utilization.
4. Design, implement, and evaluate activities to foster quality care for a diverse population of adults with complex health problems.
5. Demonstrate effective collaboration as a CNS within a multidisciplinary health team.

Suggested Course Content:

Role transition
Outcomes measurement
Synergy model
Systems theory
Organizational cultures

Suggested learning activities:

Clinical conferences / practica
Development of a personal CNS philosophy and framework
Development of multidisciplinary care paths
Change project
Continuous quality improvement / variance monitoring

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