

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

**NRSG 591 Special Topics (NP, Family/Individual) Elective
Advanced Primary Care Skills and Procedures**

Credits: 2 (1 credit lecture, 1 credit lab)

Semester offered: Summer

Prerequisite: NRSG 601, NRSG 602

Degree: DNP

DNP Essentials: II, III, IV, VI, VII, VIII

Graduate Program Objectives: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

Course Description: This graduate nursing course focuses on introducing skills and procedures that are commonly used within the primary care setting by the advanced practice registered nurse. These skills will enhance didactic content that is presented in the primary care series. This course will focus specifically on skills that are needed for the Family/Individual Nurse Practitioner Student. It will include didactic content and culminate in a 3-day hands-on skills lab held on the Bozeman campus.

Course Objectives:

1. The student will understand the principals of wound and laceration assessment and treatment and demonstrate basic suturing and stapling techniques.
2. Students will be introduced to the principles of orthopedic care and demonstrate basic splinting and casting procedures.
3. The student will understand and apply primary care concepts in preparation for clinical experiences.
4. This course will help lay a strong foundation for clinical practice through building communication and practice skills.

Recommended Content and Concepts

Various special topics will be included to enhance the advanced practice nurse skillset which may include reading an EKG, debridement, lesion removal, practicing a pelvic exam, reading x-rays, suicide assessment and treatment specifically using QPR, coding and billing, patient charting, communicating with preceptors and how to present a case, Microscopy- identify BV and Trich, integrating the Smiles for Life Curriculum for oral health assessment and hands on fluoride application, and detailed practice of the musculoskeletal system specifically focusing on the spine, shoulders, and knee exams.

Suggested Student Learning Activities

Hands on demonstration/practice of MSK exam

Urgent Care stations to practice technique of UA, urine pregnancy test, mono spot testing, wound culture, throat culture.

Practice of toe nail removal

Fluorescein staining and foreign body removal from eye

Wound debridement

Joint injections

Return demonstration of splinting and casting

Return demonstration of basic suturing, stapling, and lesion removal (punch biopsy, scrape, elliptical)

QPR role play

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