Fall 2004 N 5206

Course Name & Number: Primary Care Practicum I -- N 5206

Course Description: Primary Care Practicum I is the clinical component N 5307. The majority of student placements are in clinical settings in medically underserved communities with a predominately Hispanic clientele. Students focus on the assessment and identification of health problems and strengths of women and their families and on developing strategies for disease prevention and health promotion in community and primary health care settings.

Course Credit: 2 semester hours 90 hours total clinical

Pre requisites and/or Co requisites:
N 5307 Primary Care Nursing I
N 5303 Advanced Health Assessment
N 5362 Pharmacology or N 5319 Advanced Human Pathophysiology

6 (Six) Clinical Objectives:
1. Conduct complete health assessments, including history, physical examination and laboratory analysis of clients as the basis for developing a differential diagnosis and arriving at a tentative diagnosis of common problems in the primary health care of women at a beginning level of practice (see criteria for beginning students performance in The Nurse Practitioner Clinical Preceptor Guide attached to syllabus).

2. Apply diagnostic reasoning skills to formulate differential diagnoses for common gynecological and obstetrical problems in women’s primary health care.

3. Incorporate knowledge of cultural concepts in the diagnostic processes and analysis of client history and physical assessment data.

4. Plan and implement safe and effective nursing care for pregnant women taking into account the special risk factors associated with living on the US/Mexico border.

5. Synthesize data from total health history and physical exams with diagnostic data to identify appropriate primary prevention interventions such as immunizations, fertility control methods and other basic clinical preventive services.

6. Identify simple management strategies in the provision of culturally competent preventive gynecologic health care with women along the US/Mexico border.

Course Evaluation:

Clinical Practicum 50%
   Students must perform at a satisfactory level (80% or better in clinical evaluations) or they will not be able to progress to the next clinical course.

SOAPS 50%

Grading: A = 90-100%  B = 80-89%  <80% = unsatisfactory

Clinical evaluations scored according to criteria on Clinical evaluation forms. A grade below 80% is considered unsatisfactory for clinical.
Assignments:

1) Prior to starting clinic schedules, students are required to spend time in the Sim Lab practicing the proper technique for pelvic and bimanual exams. This most likely will be a two hour minimum, but can be done in segments. A step by step practice sheet is included in this packet. The Sim Lab attendant needs to sign that you were in the lab as designated on the practice sheet. Each student will need to demonstrate minimal proficiency on the Sim Lab models to the clinical instructors and be signed off to start clinical practice. Students will also need to arrange time with the faculty in a clinic setting where they will do a minimum number of pelvic exams with faculty supervision before starting at their respective clinic sites. **The above time will NOT count as part of your 90 hours.**

After completing your required sim lab and supervised clinic practice time, each student will be given their confirmed assignment by faculty to a suitable clinic site that has been previously approved as clinic site by the University of Texas at El Paso. Each student must purchase liability insurance through the Bursar’s office (fee covers the entire year) to function as a student family nurse practitioner (SFNP). Tell them in the Bursar’s office at the time you pay your tuition that you are a NP student and need professional liability insurance. You are required to have **90 clinic hours with female patients only** for OB and Gyn problems. It is expected that you will see between 67 and 113 patients in order to have an adequately enriching OB/Gyn experience. **Excessive numbers in either direction** will need assessment by your clinical instructors. Times for your individual clinic hours are to be arranged between the student and individual preceptor. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange the schedule and see that UTEP clinical instructors have copies as soon as possible. Site visits will be arranged in a timely fashion and as deemed necessary by the UTEP faculty.

It is expected that students will be responsible for ensuring that the clinical evaluations by their preceptors are turned in by the last week of classes each semester. Students are to notify their clinical preceptors and UTEP clinical instructor if they are unable to attend scheduled clinic time.

All clinic hours are to be completed and patients entered in the log data base by the end of the semester. Attendance on time to classes and clinic will influence clinical evaluation See #8 & #11 on clinical evaluation sheets attached.

2) Directions for SOAP formats are contained in the syllabus packet. A total of five (5) SOAPS will be required on actual patients that you see in clinic. They must be turned in according the schedule on the calendar included with this syllabus. Three (3) SOAPS are to be comprehensive well woman exams (mix of OB & gyn) and two are to be episodic (1 a gyn problem & 1 a routine OB visit). **See SOAP Assignments attached.**

3) **Clinical objectives/ Goals:** Students must complete and turn in to faculty **concisely** stated objectives and/or goals which they wish to achieve during this clinical practicum. These are best formulated by using the criteria in The Nurse Preceptor Clinical Preceptor Guide for beginning students and with input from your preceptor. It need not be lengthy but is required as part of the criteria to complete N 5206 satisfactorily. At the end of your clinical experience, review your objectives and make a brief comment stating how well you feel you met or did not meet your goals. Keep these simple and to the point!

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**Americans with Disabilities Act:** Students who require accommodations for class or clinical assignments should initiate and maintain the processes as designed by university policy. Accommodations will not be made until these procedures have been followed. Call Disabled Students Services (ext. 5148) for additional information.

**Incompletes:** Only under special circumstances may a student take an incomplete for a course. Students MUST adhere to Graduate School Policies if an incomplete grade is to be taken for any semester. Approval MUST be given by the faculty assigned to teach the course.

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