

Elective Description

Campus: Southwest (Bismarck)

Department: Family Medicine

Elective/Experience Title: Family Medicine

Course Number: 9101-02

Location of Elective: Carrington Health Center – Carrington, ND

Preceptor(s): Michael Page, MD

Period(s) Offered: All

Number of students per period: 1

Purpose: To provide education and experience in the care of patients in a rural community family medicine setting.

Objectives: Following successful completion of this elective, the student will be able to:

1. Evaluate and manage a broad spectrum of acute healthcare problems encountered in a diverse population of all ages.
2. Demonstrate proficiency in the management of chronic disease conditions such as diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and hypertension.
3. Present patient encounters to the preceptor in an effective manner and document these encounters appropriately in the medical record.
4. Apply preventive medicine concepts in daily patient management.
5. Perform daily clinical procedures in an ambulatory healthcare setting.
6. Demonstrate the ability to manage continuity-of-care patient problems following hospitalization.
7. Describe the unique aspects of practicing medicine in a rural setting.

Instructional Activities: During this elective, the student will be involved in/experience:

1. Evaluation and management of patients in the outpatient clinic.
2. Interpretation of tests such as EKGs, x-rays, and labs.
3. Reading of current literature pertinent to patients seen in the clinic.
4. Assisting with minor procedures including, but not limited to, colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, dermatologic procedures, and joint/soft tissue injections.
5. Practice management responsibilities, including the review of resource utilization and provider scheduling.
6. Continuity-of-care patient management from clinic throughout the rural health delivery system.
7. Informal didactics and case presentations.
8. Unique aspects of rural medicine.

Criteria for Grading: During and following this elective, the preceptor will:

1. Utilize the standardized UNDSMHS senior elective evaluation form.
2. Judge by direct observation the student's ability to perform an appropriate history and examination.
3. Evaluate the student's clinical aptitude based on ability to diagnose and manage common medical conditions.
4. Assess the student's understanding of common disease states by observation of care presentations and discussions of selected clinical topics.
5. Judge by direct observation the student's ability to effectively and concisely communicate verbally and in writing.