

Elective Description

Campus: Southwest (Bismarck)

Department: Family Medicine

Elective/Experience Title: Family Medicine

Course Number: 9101-04

Location of Elective: Sanford Health, South Clinic – Bismarck, ND

Preceptor(s): Brenda Miller, MD; Sherry Stein, MD & Michelle Tincher, MD

Period(s) Offered: All

Number of students per period: 1

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

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

1. Demonstrate presentation and medical record documentation skills.
2. Demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively with patients and staff.
3. Demonstrate improved diagnostic acumen and ability to develop appropriate differential diagnoses.
4. Review important aspects of the business of medicine.
5. Demonstrate confidence in the evaluation and management of a variety of medical problems seen in the community family medicine clinical setting.

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

1. Medical care for patients of all age groups.
2. Addiction counseling and treatment.
3. Patient care in a variety of patient settings including inpatient, outpatient, and nursing home care.
4. Clinical procedures including mole removal, sutures, simple fracture care, joint injections, and other typical family physician outpatient procedures.
5. Reading appropriate references and discussion with attending physician and peers.

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

1. Utilize the standardized UNDSMHS senior elective evaluation form.
2. Evaluate by direct observation the student's data gathering practices.
3. Evaluate by direct observation the student's communication and documentation skills.
4. Evaluate by direct observation the student's diagnostic reasoning skills.
5. Evaluate by direct observation the student's skill at conducting clinical procedures.
6. Evaluate by direct observation the student's clinical management and patient education skills.