

Elective Description

Campus: Southwest (Bismarck)

Elective/Experience Title: Internal Medicine

Location of Elective: Sanford Health – Bismarck, ND

Department: Internal Medicine

Course Number: IMED 9103-01

Preceptor(s): Amanda Blanchard, MD; Stephanie Canham, MD; Daniel Field, MD; Mike LeBeau, MD & Radu Rauta, MD

Period(s) Offered: all

Number of students per period: 1

Course prerequisites:

Revised Curriculum Phase(s): 2 & 3

Purpose: to provide education and experience in the care of internal medicine patients.

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

1. Review and describe the basic concepts and principles appropriate to internal medicine.
2. Perform an appropriate bedside evaluation of patients with medical problems.
3. Perform an appropriate history and physical examination.
4. Describe a patient's differential diagnosis for common medical problems and complaints and develop an appropriate therapeutic plan.
5. Describe the "art" versus the science of medicine in relation to the patients treated.

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

1. Twice-daily internal medicine rounds as directed by the preceptor.
2. Case presentation of selected patients to the preceptor.
3. Review and discussion of selected text material in journal articles as directed by the preceptor.
4. Case presentation and discussion of problems currently on the medical service.

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 ability to perform an appropriate history and physical, develop an appropriate differential diagnosis, and develop a therapeutic plan for their patients.
3. Evaluate by direct observation the student's ability to communicate in a "360" fashion.
4. Review and evaluate all student written notes including: progress notes, admission histories and physicals, and consultation notes.
5. Evaluate by direct observation the student's ability to summarize and appropriately present patient material.
6. Evaluate the student's ability to research the literature on patient care problems.
7. Evaluate by direct observation the student's ability to perform selected procedures.