

Elective Description

Campus: Minot (NW)

Elective/Experience Title: Specialty Exploration Elective

Location of Elective: Campus Clinical Sites

Department: Various (MED)

Course Number: MED 9401-01

Preceptor(s): Subspecialty faculty with faculty appointments

Period(s) Offered: All

Number of students per period: As approved by departments

Purpose: To gain introductory experience in a specialty or subspecialty field of medicine during a two-week elective.

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

1. Summarize the physician responsibilities and daily duties required for patient care in the specialty or subspecialty field.
2. Perform physical exam skills specific to the specialty or subspecialty field. (Year 3 objective 3)
3. Research a patient care topic specific to the field using evidence-based resources. (Year 3 objective 8, 9)
4. Present a patient care topic specific to the field. (Year 3 objective 1)

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

1. Daily patient care activities with the preceptor of the specialty or subspecialty.
2. Physical examination of patients presenting to the specialist or subspecialist physician.
3. Research of a patient care topic specific to the field using evidence-based research resources.
4. Presentation of the topic researched in #3 to the preceptor or healthcare team.

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

1. Utilize the standardized UNDSMHS specialty exploration elective evaluation form.
2. By direct observation and discussion with the student evaluate the student's ability to summarize the patient care responsibilities and duties of the specialty or subspecialty field (Objective #1).
3. Evaluate by direct observation the student's physical exam skills specific to the specialty or subspecialty (objective #2).
4. Evaluate by direct observation the student's completion of evidence-based research and presentation on a clinical topic specific to the field (Objectives #3 and 4)