

Elective Description

Campus: Northwest (Minot)

Department: Family Medicine

Elective/Experience Title: Family Medicine

Course Number: FMED 9420-01

Location of Elective: Tioga Medical Center - Tioga, ND

Preceptor(s): Robert Rotering, MD

Period(s) Offered: All (3rd year FMED clerkship student placement has precedence for 4th year placement)

Number of students per period: 1

Course Prerequisite(s): Phase II

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. Execute accurate and efficient oral presentations and thorough medical record documentations. (Phase 3 2, program 3.7)
2. Adopt effective communication skills with patients and staff including patient-centered patient education. (Phase 3 6, 7; Program 4.1, 4.2, 4.4)
3. Generate appropriate differential diagnoses. (Phase 3 3, program 3.3)
4. Summarize basic aspects of the “business of medicine”, such as national and local healthcare economics, patient and staff scheduling, office staff management, and billing and coding. (Program 2.10)
5. Execute basic procedures in the office setting. (Program 3.6)
6. Demonstrate selection and interpretation of basic laboratory, imaging, and pathology studies. (Program 3.2, 3.3)
7. Choose to discuss those experiences that bring satisfaction and joy in the daily practice of medicine
8. Generate evidence-based treatment plans using the information available in the patient’s presentation, past history, physical exam, differential diagnosis, and diagnostic studies. (Program 3.4)

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

1. Medical care of all ages.
2. Addiction counseling and treatment, as available.
3. Family healthcare delivery in a variety of patient settings including inpatient, outpatient, and nursing home as available.
4. Assisting the preceptor in the performance of procedures common to the outpatient practice of a family physician including mole removal/sutures/simple fracture care/joint injections and other typical family physician outpatient procedures.

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 and provide feedback to the student regarding:
 - a. Data gathering practices (objective # 1)
 - b. Communication skills (objective # 2)
 - c. Documentation skills (objective # 1)
 - d. Diagnostic reasoning skills (objective # 3, 6)
 - e. Procedural skills (objective # 5)
 - f. Clinical management and patient education skills (objective #2, 8)
 - g. Ability to discuss the knowledge of the business of medicine and the experiences that bring satisfaction and joy to medicine (objectives # 4, 7)