Clinical Practicum I
NUR 874-001
Arranged
3 Credits
Spring 2013

Catalog Course Description: Individualized faculty-guided instruction in the management of patients receiving anesthesia, emphasizing safety, monitoring modalities, and simulated patient experiences. Experiences include introduction to the role of the nurse anesthetist and development of basic nurse anesthesia skills.

Course Objectives: At the completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Perform pre-anesthetic assessment on selected patients.
2. Demonstrate appropriate charting and data collection for a pre-anesthetic assessment, intraoperative management, and post-anesthetic assessment.
3. Set up anesthesia area with the standard equipment required for an anesthetic case.
4. Identify and select intubation equipment according to patient presentation.
5. Demonstrate in the simulation lab the correct and appropriate steps for airway management and intubation.
6. Demonstrate knowledge and use of the mask airway, LMA, and combitube on the airway of a simulated patient.
7. Position the patient appropriately and safely for surgery.
8. Demonstrate knowledge of the patient and surgical procedure in order to recommend an anesthetic technique including a beginning level management plan.

Prerequisites: None

Co-requisites: None

Professional Standards & Guidelines: The curriculum is guided by the following documents:
Faculty Contact Information:

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Office Hours: Variable – Appointments arranged usually; however, available as needed for students in the Nurse Anesthesia Program to accommodate student schedules.

Instruction:

a. Methodology: This course provides an educational opportunity for students to apply didactic learning in the clinical setting. The clinical practicum requires the integration of knowledge learned in the nursing core, anesthesia specialty and science courses. Students will rotate through affiliate clinical sites bi-monthly to obtain anesthesia case management experiences. Daily assignments will be made by the Clinical Coordinator in collaboration with the course faculty. Students will be required to engage in a self-evaluation process by defining and communicating individual needs and formulating goals with measurable performance objectives. Students will be required to complete one anesthesia management plan on a selected case per week. The management plan must be reviewed and signed by the clinical instructor. Clinical experiences will be recorded by the student using the Typhon Student Tracking System.

b. Required Texts


c. Optional Texts: None

Required Resources, References, Supplies:
- Stethoscope
- Precordial Stethoscope
- Calculator
- Train of Four Monitor (provided by some sites)
- Nurse Anesthesia Handbook
Clinical Site Information Sheet
Frequently Called Telephone Numbers:
  Colleen Wager
  Graduate Clinical Program’s Secretary
  Phone: 517-432-0474
  E-mail: colleen.wager@hc.msu.edu

Evaluation/Grading:
  a. Pass/Fail
  b. In order to Pass the course, the student must meet all course objectives and specific clinical objective located on the back of the Clinical Evaluation IV/V form.
  c. Change in Calendar: The faculty reserves the right to alter the calendar and clinical rotations as circumstances may dictate. All changes will be communicated through e-mail directly to the student(s) or posted as a communication item in the Angel course.

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  • I commit myself to respectful and professional conduct in all classroom and clinical interactions
  • I will neither give nor receive any unauthorized assistance in completing my assigned academic work
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  a. Pass/No Pass
  b. Clinical performance will be evaluated daily by the anesthesia clinical instructor according to the clinical and course objectives. Student progress will be reviewed by the course faculty each week. A midterm and end of course cumulative performance evaluation will be conducted with each student.
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Institutional Policies: Students are expected to be familiar with, and comply with all institutional and unit-specific policies at each clinical site.

University & College Policies:

The College of Nursing expects that students will demonstrate professional behavior in all situations. Specific expectations for clinical and other professional venues can be found in the appropriate handbook. You are responsible for reviewing and acting in accordance with the policies and procedures found in the following sources, including the following topics: Professionalism, Academic Integrity, Accommodations for Students with Disabilities, Disruptive Behavior, Attendance, Compliance, and Progression.

- CON Student handbook: [http://nursing.msu.edu/handbooks.asp](http://nursing.msu.edu/handbooks.asp)
- Information for Current Students—including Rights, Responsibilities and Regulations for Students: [http://www.msu.edu/current/index.html](http://www.msu.edu/current/index.html)
- Academic Programs: [http://www.reg.msu.edu/UCC/AcademicPrograms.asp](http://www.reg.msu.edu/UCC/AcademicPrograms.asp)

Course Policies:

Academic Integrity: Article 2.3.3 of the Academic Freedom Report states that "The student shares with the faculty the responsibility for maintaining the integrity of scholarship, grades, and professional standards." In addition, the (insert name of unit offering course) adheres to the policies on academic honesty as specified in General Student Regulations 1.0, Protection of Scholarship and Grades; the all-University Policy on Integrity of Scholarship and Grades; and Ordinance 17.00, Examinations. (See Spartan Life: Student Handbook and Resource Guide and/or the MSU Web site: www.msu.edu). Therefore, unless authorized by your instructor, you are expected to complete all course assignments, including homework, lab work, quizzes, tests and exams, without assistance from any source. You are expected to develop original work for this course; therefore, you may not submit course work you completed for another course to satisfy the requirements for this course. Also, you are not authorized to use the www.allmsu.com Web site to complete any course work in NUR 874. Students who violate MSU rules may receive a penalty grade, including—but not limited to—a failing grade on the assignment or in the course. Contact your instructor if you are unsure about the appropriateness of your course work. (See also [http://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/honestylinks.html](http://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/honestylinks.html).)
Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities should contact the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities to establish reasonable accommodations. For an appointment with a disability specialist, call 353-9642 (voice), 355-1293 (TTY), or visit MyProfile.rcpd.msu.edu.

Disruptive Behavior: Article 2.3.5 of the Academic Freedom Report (AFR) for students at Michigan State University states: "The student's behavior in the classroom shall be conducive to the teaching and learning process for all concerned." Article 2.3.10 of the AFR states that "The student has a right to scholarly relationships with faculty based on mutual trust and civility." General Student Regulation 5.02 states: "No student shall . . . interfere with the functions and services of the University (for example, but not limited to, classes . . .) such that the function or service is obstructed or disrupted. Students whose conduct adversely affects the learning environment in this classroom may be subject to disciplinary action through the Student Faculty Judiciary process.

Attendance: Students whose names do not appear on the official class list for this course may not attend this class.

College of Nursing Policies: Professional Development Guidelines are found in CON Student Handbooks at CON website. Students are responsible for the information found in the CON Masters of Science in Nursing Handbook and the Nurse Anesthesia Supplement Handbook.

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