Clinical Practicum I
NUR 874, 3 Credits
Date, Time and Location-TBA
Spring 2012

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 by students in the Nurse Anesthesia Program to accommodate student schedules.

Instruction:

a. Methodology: Students will be assigned to a clinical site and rotated every other month. Daily clinical assignments will be made by the clinical coordinators in collaboration with the course faculty. Students will be required to engage in a self-assessment 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.

b. Required Texts

c. Optional Texts:
   None

d. Required Resources, References, Supplies:
   Precordial stethoscope
   Stethoscope
   Train of Four Monitor (provided by some sites)

e. Course Grade Requirements

This course is graded as a pass / no pass. 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.
Professionalism:

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)

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 Nurse Anesthesia Program 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.almsu.com Web site to complete any course work in NUR877. 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. Students who fail to attend the first four class sessions or class by the fifth day of the semester, whichever occurs first, may be dropped from the course.

Course Calendar: The clinical site rotation schedule will be provided the first day of class. The instructor reserves the right to adjust the rotation days or sites according to the needs of the individual student or class.