SPECIALTY PRACTICUM II
NUR 894-001 – Section 001
Arranged Clinical
7 credits
Spring 2015

Catalog Course Description: Clinical application of principles of nurse anesthesia. Students will be precepted in the perioperative clinical site. Experiences include application of advanced skills specific to the role of the nurse anesthetist. The final clinical experience demonstrated substantial progress toward self direction and independent practice. Clinical experiences include Journal Club and Clinical Conferences.

Course Objectives: At the completion of this course the student will be able to:
1. Perform preanesthetic assessment, perform anesthesia care plan, and prepare for an anesthetic technique based on patient category and surgical needs, utilizing the instructor as a resource.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of emergency procedures for patient in all categories and all specialties.
3. Identify and problem solve as anesthetic needs change and critical incidents occur during an anesthetic.
4. Develop consultation skills, to serve as an anesthesia resource for preoperative area, recovery room and critical care.
5. Perform administrative duties, such as scheduling breaks for rooms, and assist in fair scheduling, and assist in accreditation issues and documentation, such as JACCHO.
6. Demonstrate the knowledge base to recognize when an anesthetic plan needs to be altered, and have the judgment to recognize, and be able to implement alternate method.
7. Implement emergency life support in the operating room and other areas as necessary.
8. Demonstrate proficiency in psychomotor skills for anesthetic techniques, and insertion of appropriate monitoring devices.
9. Demonstrate personal and professional integrity and the ability to interact at the professional level of an anesthesia provider.

Prerequisite: NUR 893

Professional Standards & Guidelines: The curriculum is guided by the following documents:
   http://www.aana.com/resources2/professionalpractice/Documents/PPM%20Code%20of%20Ethics.pdf


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Official Means of Communication – Electronic Mail:  
Electronic mail is the official means of written communication for all students, faculty and Staff at Michigan State University and the College of Nursing. Check your e-mail daily.  
Keeping up with changes in the course is the responsibility of the student.  
During clinical hours, when e-mail is not a viable option, calling or texting is an acceptable alternative to communicate with faculty, providing this is done within the confines of the institution’s policies and does not detract from patient care.

Office Hours: Wednesday 11am – 1 pm; available as needed for students in the Nurse Anesthesia Program to accommodate student’s schedule.

Change in Calendar and Clinical Rotations  
The faculty reserves the right to alter the calendar and clinical assignments according to the needs of the individual student or cohort. All changes will either be announced in class, posted in the course communication section on D2L or through direct communication with the student.

Instruction:  
a. Methodology: This course provides an educational opportunity for students to apply didactic learning in the clinical setting. The clinical practicum requires the application of knowledge obtained in the nursing core, anesthesia specialty and science courses. To obtain experiences in specialty and high acuity cases, students will rotate through affiliate clinical sites monthly. Daily assignments will be made by the Clinical Coordinator at each clinical site in collaboration with the course faculty. Students will be required to engage in a self-evaluation process by identifying and communicating individual needs and formulating goals with measurable performance objectives.

Clinical experiences will be recorded by the student using the Typhon Tracking System.
b. Required Texts:


c. Optional Texts: None

Required Resources, References, Supplies:

- Stethoscope
- Precordial Stethoscope
- Calculator
- Train of Four Monitor (provided by some clinical sites)
- Clinical Site Information Handbook (Provided by NA program)

Frequently Called Telephone Numbers:

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Evaluation/Grading:

a. Pass/No Pass
b. 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
c. 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.

d. In order to Pass the course, the student must meet all course and clinical objectives

Professionalism: Preparation as an advanced practice nurse requires more than the acquisition and application of knowledge. In order to facilitate a climate of academic excellence and integrity, the faculty of the College of Nursing adopted the following Honor Code. Students are expected to contribute to the legitimacy of their degree by confidentially reporting breeches to this honor code:

- I vow to hold myself and my peers to the highest measure of honesty and integrity
- 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
- I will always prepare completely to care for my patients before attending clinical
- I will hold in confidence all personal matters coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling
- I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my chosen profession

Institutional Policies: Students are expected to be familiar and comply with all institution 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
- MSU Spartan Life Student Handbook and Resource Guide  
  http://www.vps.msu.edu/SpLife/index.htm
- Information for Current Students—including Rights, Responsibilities and Regulations for Students  
  http://www.msu.edu/current/index.html
- Academic Programs  
  http://www.reg.msu.edu/UCC/AcademicPrograms.asp
- MSN Student Handbook:  
- Nurse Anesthesia Supplemental Handbook:  
Course Policies:

**Academic Integrity:** Article 2.3.3 of the [Academic Freedom Report](http://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/honestylinks.html) 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](http://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/honestylinks.html) 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 894. 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](http://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/honestylinks.html).

**Disruptive Behavior:** Article 2.3.5 of the [Academic Freedom Report](http://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/honestylinks.html) (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](http://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/honestylinks.html) 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.