Registered Nurse First Assistant

Students will attend a four-day in-class session at the University of Rochester for (October 3-6, 2011), and complete the remainder of the academic work as a distance learner. Then complete a 200 hour clinical practicum (NSG 489) with a board certified preceptor of your choice. Complete the special application at son.rochester.edu/cll

Course Description- NSG 488 Theory and Practice
This course is the first in a two-course specialty sequence for Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) students. This course is designed to provide the student with a comprehensive understanding of the perioperative process, building upon knowledge of anatomical structures and physiology, indications for surgical intervention, assisting considerations, and evaluation of postoperative patient outcomes. Students will synthesize the three dimensions of Socialization Theory, professional socialization, organizational socialization, and role socialization, as it pertains to the role of the RNFA. Emphasis will be placed on knowledge specific to the role of the RNFA in the management of patients across the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases. This course will also provide an in-depth analysis of the legal, regulatory, and professional issues associated with the role of the RNFA.

NSG 488, 3 credits, $1160/credit

Course Description- NSG 489 Clinical Practicum
This course is the second in a two-course specialty sequence for Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) students. This course is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to apply the knowledge to safely perform the skills required during the perioperative process. Emphasis will be placed on the development of advance surgical assisting skills, such as providing exposure, tissue handling, suturing, providing hemostasis and using surgical instruments. Students will collaborate and communicate with other health care providers to develop a plan of care to achieve optimal patient outcomes. In collaboration with a surgeon preceptor, students will develop personalized learning objectives and identify learning resources to enhance the knowledge and skills necessary for competent RNFA practice and role development.

Choosing a Preceptor
The primary preceptor for this internship needs to be a board-certified surgeon who has agreed to fulfill the mentoring role and who will assist the student in acquiring the knowledge and developing the skills necessary to adequately assist the surgeon and patient during surgical intervention. When feasible an RNFA/CRNFA should also be appointed as a mentor for the clinical internship

NSG 489, 3 credits, $1000 lab fee

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