Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner Augmented Clinical Experience: A Program Evaluation
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Problem Statement
- Increasing number of NP students in the U.S.
- Increased demand for clinical preceptors and sites
- Nursing faculty are challenged to ensure quality experiences for students
- Preceptors face time constraints, productivity demands, overwhelm with requests, and lack of administrative support.

Methodology
- Students participate in nine, four-week rotations. Sample rotation schedule below.

- Surveys sent to all WHNP ACE students and preceptors at completion of one-year program
- Satisfaction assessed using a combination of open-ended and Likert-scale questions

Conceptual Framework
- Structure
  - ACE Program Directories
  - preceptors, students
  - 9 structured, progressive rotations at UAB Medicine
- Process
  - Selected students complete rotations as assigned to obtain 600 hours
- Outcome
  - Preceptor and student satisfaction

Results
- Students overall very satisfied with weighted satisfaction of 4.75 on 5 point Likert scale
- Cited primary benefit of variety of exposures, including settings, specialties, and preceptors
- Students and preceptors satisfied with burden of scheduling handled by program director
- Preceptors less satisfied with weighted satisfaction score of 3.7 on 5 point Likert scale
- Suggestions for improvement: increased consistency of preceptor/student pairing, scheduled breaks for preceptors

Implications
- Feedback from students provides opportunities to continue to improve program
- Eliminate stressor of securing clinical sites
- Identify strategies for decreasing burden of precepting
- Retain valuable preceptors
- Expand program to other NP specialties at UAB
- Increase number of students in program
- Dissemination of results for widespread change

Background
- Novel program developed to address concerns
- Provides structured, progressive clinical experience
- Established formal partnership between school and health system

PICOT Question
Does the Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner Augmented Clinical Experience Program (I) increase Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner student and preceptor (P) satisfaction (O) at the completion of the one-year clinical program (T)?