A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING

The Montana Cancer Center is an outpatient hospital clinic located on the 2nd floor of the Broadway Building which provides both radiation and medical oncology services. Approximately 1000 new patients are seen each year. We are a NAPBC and COC certified facility.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP

We serve young adult, adult, and elderly patients primarily. These patients are seen throughout their continuum of care – from initial consultation, treatment, to survivorship and follow-up. The patients seen are across the spectrum of resources, income, education and insurance status.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The student will have different learning opportunities that are not limited to:
Designing and implementing a community needs assessment (Done every 3 years)
Assessment and intervention based on patient’s needs
Identifying and connecting patients with local and national resources.
Minimal counseling and crisis intervention
Advance care planning
Palliative Care
Hospital discharge assessment and discharge planning
Facilitation of support and/or educational groups
Interdisciplinary work and interact with other medical staff

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

The student is expected to be able to multitask and prioritize.
The student must be able to abide by all of the hospital’s policies and procedures including but not limited to those related to confidentiality, dress code, safety, mandatory education and ethics.
The student will need to feel comfortable working with sick and dying patients.
It is also important that the patient is able to maintain boundaries and have good self-care.
Previous knowledge of medical terms, diagnoses, disease processes, and health insurances would be helpful.