PSYCHIATRY ELECTIVES 2015-2016

COURSE NAME AND NUMBER: PSYC 418 – Secondary Psychiatry
Acting Internship

**Duration:** 4 weeks

**Availability:** All year

**Number of Students:** 2 (New Orleans, LA); 1 (Children’s Hospital of New Orleans); 1 (Baton Rouge, LA)

**Objectives:**

To introduce the student to the range of psychopathology present in a short-term inpatient psychiatric unit.

To develop clinical skills in interviewing, diagnosis, and formulation of treatment plans.

To better understand biological and psychosocial aspects of severe mental illness.

**Course Description:**

[152 hours] This four-week rotation provides senior students with the opportunity to begin functioning as interns with supervision from faculty and upper level residents. **The course is offered at three locations:** the University Medical Center of New Orleans, Children’s Hospital of New Orleans, and at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital (OLOL) in Baton Rouge. At each site, students work side-by-side with the first-year residents, and participate in on-call experiences and didactics. Particular emphasis is given to improving skills of clinical judgment and decision-making. Students are encouraged to take increasing amounts of patient care responsibility while under close supervision. In addition to improving their patient care skills, students will also enhance their communication skills and develop skills in systems based practice through their involvement with the health care team. Students will continue to develop their medical knowledge and skills of practice based learning through reading, didactic lectures, and conferences. The
sites offer general adult psychiatry experiences, while the Children’s Hospital site is an adult and child psychiatry experience. Students choosing the University Medical Center campus acting internship will work primarily within the two hospital-based consult services, emergency psychiatry and general consult-liaison psychiatry.

**Method of Evaluation:**

The supervisor's assessment is based on the student’s demonstration of his or her range of clinical skills and knowledge.

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Course name and number: PSYC 420 Child/Adolescent Inpatient Psychiatry

Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: All year

Number of Students: 1 (New Orleans, LA; Baton Rouge, LA by specific request)

Course Description:

[152 hours] This four-week course includes working with child and adolescent patients being treated in the Childrens Hospital—Calhoun Campus inpatient units, located in Uptown New Orleans. Students have broad exposure to general inpatient child and adolescent psychiatry, as well as emergency and consult-liaison experience at nearby Childrens Hospital. Board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrists provide instruction, and students participate in didactic programs along with house officers.

NOTE: This elective is also available at Our Lady of the Lake in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. However, this elective is only available by specific requests and must be directly approved by Dr. Mark Shoptaugh prior to scheduling. Please call 504-568-6009 for additional information.

Method of Evaluation:

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Course name and number: PSYC 420 General Psychiatry

Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: All year

Number of Students: 1 (New Orleans, LA); 2 (Jefferson, LA); 1 (Baton Rouge, LA)

Objectives:

Our objective is to provide the senior medical student with a broad-based exposure to hospital psychiatry. This elective is offered in three separate locations: Ochsner has three separate, specialized psychiatry units which provide clinical experience with acute psychiatric emergencies, addictive behavior, and cognitive behavioral treatment of psychophysiologic disorders. The Our Lady of the Lake (OLOL) location in conjunction with the LSU-OLOL Psychiatry residency program in Baton Rouge, LA. OLOL has five inpatient units and 69 licensed psychiatric beds-- two adult acute units, an adolescent unit, a geriatrics unit and a detox unit. The elective is also offered at University Medical Center in New Orleans in New Orleans, LA.

Course Description:

[152 hours] This four-week course consists of clinical instruction in four diverse areas of the Ochsner Foundation Hospital: the Acute Adult Psychiatry Unit, the Addictive Behavior Unit, the Behavioral Medicine Unit, and as part of the consult-liaison team on the medical/surgical wards. Our Lady of the Lake features multiple in-patient units that are specialized for treating various subgroups of patients. Included are specialized units for children and adolescents, addiction, geriatrics, and acutely agitated patients. LSU-Baton Rouge-Our Lady of the Lake also features services in Emergency Psychiatry, Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Consult-Liaison Psychiatry, and traditional Outpatient Psychiatry for both adults and children. During this rotation, students will spend time in a number of these treatment settings. Particular treatment settings will be chosen based on student interest and staff availability. The goal is to expose students to a wide variety of
treatment settings and for them to gain a better understanding of the multifaceted nature of psychiatric treatment

**Method of Evaluation:**

Ochsner Medical Center rating by Dean Hickman, MD with input from other supervisors.

Our Lady of the Lake rating by Dr. Gerald Heintz with input from other supervisors.

University Medical Center rating by assigned faculty with input from other supervisors.

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Course name and number: PSYC 420 General Adult In-patient Psychiatry

Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: All year

Number of Students: 1 (Baton Rouge, LA)

Objectives:

Provide the senior medical student with exposure to hospital in-patient psychiatry. This elective is at Our Lady of the Lake (OLOL) in Baton Rouge, LA. OLOL has five inpatient units and 69 licensed psychiatric beds-- two are adult acute units.

Course Description:

[152 hours] This Baton Rouge rotation will primarily occur on the two acute inpatient units at OLOL-- one unit with an emphasis on patients with psychotic or medically unstable conditions and one unit with a focus on anxiety, affective and personality disorders. Instructors include senior faculty, board-certified in the four corresponding psychiatric subspecialities.

Method of Evaluation:

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Course name and number: PSYC 420 Addiction Psychiatry

Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: All year

Number of Students: 1 (New Orleans, LA) and 2 (Jefferson, LA)

Course Description:

[152 hours] This four-week course is offered at two independent sites: University Medical Center in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Ochsner Foundation Hospital in Jefferson, Louisiana. At each site, students work with faculty who are board-certified in addiction psychiatry, and participate in workups and treatment in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

Method of Evaluation:

Rating by Medical Director of Addictive Behavior Unit.

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Course name and number: PSYC 418 Secondary Acting Internship-Integrated

Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: July thru December

Number of Students: 1 (New Orleans, LA only)

General Course Description:

[152 hours]

This is a fourth year medical student elective open to one or two students per four week block. The student participates in daily assessments and clinical rounds with the psychiatry consultation liaison team at the University Medical Center (UMC). This clinical experience is an integrated rotation from the departments of Psychiatry, Cell Biology and Anatomy, and Pharmacology, in which basic science concepts are reviewed and applied clinically to the cases typically seen on the psychiatry consultation service. Integrated knowledge between psychiatry and pharmacology is explored, such as difficulties in drug absorption, distribution and bioavailability in psychiatric patients with failing organs. Basic neuroscience seminars look at the anatomy of key structures, neural pathways, and anatomical pharmacology involved in psychiatric illness, such as the disinhibition of personality following a frontal lobe injury.

The clinical experience and the basic science knowledge is brought together with a weekly journal article presentation that draws on pharmacology or neuroanatomy to help explain a presentation and/or treatment of a clinical case experienced that week on the consult service.

Method of Evaluation:

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Course name and number: PSYC 420 Consult-Liaison Psychiatry

Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: All year

Number of Students: 2 (New Orleans, LA and Baton Rouge, LA)

General Course Description:

[152 hours] This four-week course is offered at two independent sites: the University Medical Center in New Orleans and Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge. At both sites, students participate in daily assessments and clinical rounds with the CL team. At the New Orleans site, students participate in an integrated rotation from the LSU departments of psychiatry, cell biology, anatomy, and pharmacology. Basic science concepts are reviewed and applied clinically to cases typically seen in the CL service of a large general hospital. The New Orleans location is also the principal training site for LSUHSC Psychiatry’s Psychosomatic Medicine fellowship. At the Baton Rouge site, students are expected to prepare a case presentation reviewing the medical literature and supporting recommendations of the CL team.

Method of Evaluation:

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Course name and number: PSYC 420 - Emergency Psychiatry

Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: All year

Number of Students: 1 (Baton Rouge, LA only)

Course Description:

During this one month elective, student will work closely with COPE (Crisis Oriented Psychiatric Evaluation team) team, psychiatry attendings and other emergency room clinical staff in direct patient care. The Our Lady of the Lake emergency room serves thousands of emergency patients per year with a wide range of initial presentations. The student can see a number of psychiatric, chemical dependency, and psychosocial problems they will encounter in practice no matter what field he/she chooses. Emphasis will be on accurate assessment and triage as well as continuity of care issues after the emergency is resolved.

Method of Evaluation:

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Course name and number: PSYC 498 Psychiatry Research

Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: All year

Number of Students: 2 (New Orleans, LA when available)

General Course Description:

[152 hours] This four-week course allows the student to join an existing research team, in order to become better acquainted with clinical research methodology and practice. Course content varies with the interest of the student and availability of relevant research. At the end of the course, students are expected to have prepared a 2000 word scholarly review article on a subject of interest.

Method of Evaluation:

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