

# PSYCHIATRY ELECTIVES 2019-2020

**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 (LOL) in Baton Rouge. At the University Medical Center and Children’s Hospital sites, 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 University Medical Center site offers general adult psychiatry experiences, while the Children’s

Hospital site is an adult and child psychiatry experience. During this one month rotation at the UMC and OLOL sites, the student will be actively involved in an inpatient psychiatry ward at Our Lady of the Lake as a member of the treatment team. The student would be expected to carry a small caseload from admission to discharge, working with the primary treating physician (under supervision) and performing such duties as psychiatric assessments, diagnostic formulations, participating in family sessions, choosing medications and developing treatment plans, all with a careful bent towards the educational value of the cases. **Students will be expected to take call, including weekend call, while on this elective.**

### **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:** 3 (New Orleans)

**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.

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

**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 Outpatient Psychiatry**

**Duration:** 4 weeks

**Availability:** All year

**Number of Students:** 1 (Baton Rouge; **available to Louisiana students only**)

**Course Description:**

[152 hours] Medical students will rotate with and shadow an experienced out-patient child and adolescent psychiatrist. The purpose of this rotation is to gain exposure to a large number of child and adolescent psychiatric presentations and their treatment. Students play a less active role in direct patient care during this rotation. Instead, they receive direct one on one teaching and supervision from an experienced out-patient child psychiatrist. The goal is to enhance one's knowledge base and gain an appreciation for a day in the life of real world child and adolescent psychiatry. Occasionally, upon request, students may also spend a few days on the in-patient child and adolescent unit where they can also observe and receive instruction from another experienced child and adolescent psychiatrist.

**NOTE: This elective is only available by specific requests and must be directly approved by the Our Lady of the Lake (LOL) office prior to scheduling. Please call 225-757-4212 or 504-568-6009 for additional information.**

**Method of Evaluation:**

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

## **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 Foundation Hospital in Jefferson, La, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, La, and University Medical Center 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. 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 site 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 out-patient 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. The elective is also offered at University Medical Center in New Orleans in New Orleans, LA. Students at the UMC site will spend

one week in Emergency Psychiatry, two weeks in Consult-Liason Psychiatry, and one week on Addiction Psychiatry.

**Method of Evaluation:**

Ochsner Foundation Hospital rating by Dean Hickman, MD with input from other supervisors.

Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center 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 (LOL) in Baton Rouge, LA

**Course Description:**

[152 hours] During this one month rotation, the student will be actively involved in an inpatient psychiatry ward at Our Lady of the Lake as a member of the treatment team. The student will be expected to carry a small caseload from admission to discharge, working with the primary treating physician (under supervision) and performing such duties as psychiatric assessments, diagnostic formulations, participating in family sessions, choosing medications and developing treatment plans, all with a careful bent towards the educational value of the cases.

**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 or UMC Staff Physician.

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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 Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge. At the University Medical Center site, students participate in daily assessments and clinical rounds with the CL team. Basic science concepts are reviewed and applied clinically to cases typically seen on the CL service of a level one Trauma Center. The New Orleans location is also the principal training site for LSUHSC Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry fellowship. Participation in Electroconvulsive Therapy is also available.

At the Our Lady of the Lake site during this one month elective, students will work with psychiatry faculty and residents performing psychiatric consultations within Our Lady of the Lake's hospital. The student will be introduced to Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry in a general hospital setting and will develop skills in evaluating patients with medical illnesses and concomitant psychiatric symptoms and chemical dependency. Through this rotation, they will see psychiatric presentations of medical illness as well as the psychological aspects of medical illness.

### **Method of Evaluation:**

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## **Course name and number: PSYC 420 - Emergency Psychiatry**

**Duration:** 4 weeks

**Availability:** All year

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

**Course Description:** [152 hours] During this one month elective at University Medical Center location, students will work closely with the University Medical Center psychiatry emergency room team; including psychiatry attendings, residents and other emergency room clinical staff in the Behavioral Health Emergency Room Extension (BHERE.) The UMC emergency room serves thousands of emergency patients per year with a wide range of initial presentations. The student can see a number of the psychiatric, chemical dependency, and psychosocial problems that they will encounter in practice no matter what field he or she chooses. Emphasis will be on accurate triage and assessment as well as continuity of care issues after the initial emergency is resolved. The student will also attend several non-graded lectures and didactics on emergency psychiatry.

At the Our Lady of the Lake location 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 420 Forensic Psychiatry**

**Duration:** 4 weeks

**Availability:** All year

**Number of Students:** 2 (New Orleans)

### **Course Description:**

[152 hours] This four-week course includes working in various forensic settings for a diverse experience in a field where psychiatry and the law intersect. Throughout the month, students will participate in court-appointed examinations to assess competency to stand trial and insanity, observe expert witness testimony in the courtroom setting, provide treatment to patients housed in correctional facilities, and discuss topics related to psychiatric disability, civil competencies, malpractice, civil commitment, malingering, and child custody. The LSU Department of Psychiatry also provides services at Northlake Behavioral Health System, where many chronically ill, judicially committed patients reside. Students will have the option to travel to Mandeville, LA to work with this specialized patient population. Board-certified forensic psychiatrists provide instruction, and students participate in didactic programs along with house officers.

### **Objectives:**

To introduce the student to the range of settings where psychiatry interfaces with the law.

To develop clinical skills in interviewing, diagnosis, and formulation of opinions related to criminal and civil law.

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

### **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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