

PSYC 418 – SECONDARY PSYCHIATRY ACTING INTERNSHIP

[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 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 either UMC or OLOL sites, the student will be actively involved in an inpatient psychiatry ward 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 while on this elective.

* Available in New Orleans & Baton Rouge

PSYC 420 - CHILD/ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

[152 Hours]

This four-week course includes working with child and adolescent patients being treated in the Children's Hospital Mental Health inpatient units. Students have broad exposure to general inpatient child and adolescent psychiatry, as well as emergency and consult-liaison experience. Additionally, medical students will have the opportunity to shadow faculty in the outpatient setting. Students will participate in case formulation, treatment planning, and coordination of care. Board-certified or eligible 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.

*Available in New Orleans

PSYC 420 - GENERAL PSYCHIATRY

[152 Hours]

This four-week course consists of clinical instruction in four diverse areas of University Medical Center in New Orleans, LA. Students may request to divide their time in one week increments doing the following: Emergency Psychiatry, Consult-Liaison Psychiatry, General Adult Inpatient Psychiatry, General Adult Outpatient Psychiatry, Child/Adolescent Psychiatry, and Addiction Psychiatry. Requests will be granted as capacity allows, and if approved by instructors. 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 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.

*Available in New Orleans and Baton Rouge

PSYC 420 - GENERAL ADULT INPATIENT PSYCHIATRY

[152 Hours]

During this one-month rotation, the student will be actively involved in an inpatient psychiatry ward at either University Medical Center- New Orleans, or 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 treatment team and performing such duties as psychiatric assessments, diagnostic formulations, participating in family sessions, choosing medications and developing treatment plans.

*Available in Baton Rouge

PSYC 420 - ADDICTION PSYCHIATRY

[152 Hours]

This four-week course is offered at University Medical Center in New Orleans, LA. Students will work with faculty who are board-certified in addiction psychiatry and participate in workups and treatment in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Students will also rotate through University Medical Center (UMCNO) Addiction Psychiatry outpatient clinic. They will be exposed to treating patients dealing with addiction to multiple substances including stimulants, sedatives, alcohol, and opiates in an integrated health setting. They will gain experience in using FDA approved medications to treat both opiate use disorder and alcohol use disorder including buprenorphine and naltrexone. Students will be introduced to the concept of dual diagnosis and the importance of monitoring for and treating any co-occurring psychiatric illness in patients dealing with addiction. Students will be introduced to the ASAM levels of care and how to guide a patient through the continuum of care from early interventions all the way to residential or inpatient treatment. The students would also have to opportunity to gain experience applying motivational interviewing techniques learned in their first year TBLs with direct supervision from faculty.

*Available in New Orleans

PSYC 420 - EMERGENCY PSYCHIATRY

[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.

*Available in New Orleans and Baton Rouge

PSYC 420 – CONSULTATION-LIAISON PSYCHIATRY

[152 Hours]

This four-week course is offered at two independent sites: 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 C-L team. Basic science concepts are reviewed and applied clinically to cases typically seen in the C-L service of a large general hospital. The New Orleans location is also the principal training site for LSUHSC Psychiatry's Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry fellowship and the student can participate in Electroconvulsive Therapy.

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.

*Available in New Orleans and Baton Rouge

PSYC 420 - FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY

(Not offered at this time)

[152 Hours]

In conjunction with the forensic fellow and LSU house officers, students will observe cases related to criminal and civil competencies, correctional psychiatry, expert witness examinations and testimony, as well as civil commitment. Service sites include UMCNO, LSU-School of Medicine, Northlake Behavioral Hospital, and various jails and prisons throughout the state.

*Available in New Orleans (with travel to various parts of the state)

PSYC 460- INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL HUMANITIES FOR PSYCHIATRISTS

[152 hours]

This four-week course will provide students with broad exposure to several aspects of medical humanities pertinent to their future careers as psychiatrists. This provides a platform for students to engage with peers and faculty to discuss topics often not included in the medical school curriculum, and encourages students to understand and appreciate the role of humanities in their development as well-rounded, thoughtful and empathic physicians. The students will meet for 2.5 hours three days per week with a faculty member/instructor for seminars in a total of four areas: 1-Reflective Writing; 2-Selected Aspects of the History of Psychiatry; 3-Visual Media as Reflections on Society; and 4-Literature and Psychiatry. A syllabus with provided reading and visual materials will guide students in their submission of a weekly short blog entry or creative writing. **This course is pass/fail.**

*Available in New Orleans

PSYC 450- NARRATIVE MEDICINE: CRITICAL CONCEPTS, METHODS AND APPLICATIONS

[152 hours]

This four-week course provides students with broad exposure to several aspects of medical humanities pertinent to their future careers as psychiatrists. This provides a platform for students to engage with peers and faculty to discuss topics often not included in the medical school curriculum, and encourages students to understand and appreciate the role of humanities in their development as well-rounded, thoughtful and empathic physicians. The students will meet for 3 hours three days per week with a faculty member/instructor for seminars in a total of five areas: 1-Narratives/Reflective Writing; 2-History of Psychiatry; 3-Visual Media; 4-Literature and Psychiatry; 5-Philosophy of Psychiatry. A syllabus with provided reading and visual materials will guide students in their submission of a weekly short blog entry or creative writing. Students are welcome to participate in medical humanities research projects. This course is pass/fail.

PSYC 470 – LEARNING PSYCHIATRY THROUGH FILM (virtual course)

[152 Hours]

Fourth year medical students with an interest in a career in psychiatry will use this elective to learn about major categories of mental illness-- their differential diagnosis, DSM criteria, and clinical presentations-- through film. Additionally, themes depicted in movies often shape society's views of mental illness and psychiatry as a profession. These issues will be reviewed as well.

Participants will be expected to watch four films per week and to complete written homework assignments. The class will meet virtually twice per week to discuss the films and the student's impressions as well as get an overview of the categories of mental illness.

By the end of this course, the student will be able to

1. Use modern cultural works to further their understanding of psychiatry and the human condition.
2. Critically assess media portrayals of mental illness and treatment providers
3. Recognize diagnostic criteria for common psychiatric diagnoses
4. Appreciate the potential damage to patients and providers when misinformation about psychiatry and behavioral health is perpetuated through Hollywood film.

Expectations

All students are expected to

1. Watch the assigned films and complete written assignments related to them before class
2. Read the corresponding DSM chapter for the topic of the session
3. Attend two zoom sessions per week
4. Attend to class while in zoom sessions and participate!
5. Choose a film for the final presentation that depicts a mental illness not discussed in previous presentations.

PSYC 420 - PSYCHIATRY RESEARCH

[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.

*Available in New Orleans subject to approval of Director and Investigators

PSYC 499 - PSYCHIATRY-OUT OF STATE

[152 Hours]

This course allows students to participate in a Psychiatry elective at an out-of-state institution.