

Department of Psychiatry

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Courses

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M81 Gateway 630 Psychiatry Clerkship

Credit 308 units.

M85 Psych 805 Psychiatry Consult (Clinical Elective)

Students spend four weeks on the psychiatry consult service at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Under the supervision of house staff and attending physicians, students participate in the evaluation and collaborative management of inpatients on medical and surgical units for a broad range of psychiatric and behavioral concerns. They learn about the intersection between psychiatry and other medical specialties and important skills for collaborative patient care. Students attend departmental conferences and other educational sessions, and they also prepare and present a clinical topical review of their choice

M85 Psych 810 Outpatient Community Psychiatry (Clinical Elective)

This elective will provide the student with a significant outpatient experience in Psychiatry. Students will be paired with a Resident physician and have exposure to two adult clinics and one child clinic over the course of the rotation. Students will observe and assist in the diagnosis and treatment of patients in the clinic setting. Students will also attend scheduled lectures and conferences over the course of the rotation relevant to outpatient Psychiatry. During the elective, the student will learn about the outpatient presentations of psychiatric disorders, a variety of treatment techniques (psychotherapy and psychopharmacology), and general principles of outpatient clinical management.

M85 Psych 836 Inpatient Psychiatry (Clinical Elective)

This is a senior rotation that provides the students with an opportunity to expand their knowledge of inpatient clinical psychiatry by functioning as interns. Students attend all staffing and teaching conferences given to first-year psychiatry residents and are responsible for the assessment and management of acute psychiatric patients. Immediate supervision is provided by the inpatient attending, and additional supervision can be arranged as desired. Teaching emphasis is directed toward psychiatric diagnosis, appropriate use of psychopharmacologic agents, psychotherapeutic intervention, use of community resources and pursuit of the psychiatric scientific literature. The student will write a self-selected clinical topic relevant to treatment and management of psychiatric inpatients.

M85 Psych 840 Child Psychiatry (Clinical Elective)

This elective in child psychiatry utilizes the St. Louis Children's Hospital St. Louis Children's Hospital Pediatric Behavioral Health Unit and the Consult-Liaison service. It provides experience in age-appropriate diagnostic and treatment methods in children and adolescents. A portion of your time may be spent in the outpatient clinics if interested and if circumstances permit. A paper on a topic of the student's choosing is required.

M85 Psych 844 Forensic Psychiatry (Non-Clinical Elective)

The medical student will be actively involved in many aspects of forensic psychiatry including civil litigation, workman's compensation, malpractice, civil commitment, and guardianship. There may be opportunities to be involved in criminal forensic issues. The rotation is primarily self-directed but the student will work with several faculty within the Department of Psychiatry and will meet with the Course Director a minimum of two hours per week. They will also work with The City of St. Louis Probate Court and shadow at the St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center, a nearby forensic hospital. The student will also be assigned readings of landmark cases, textbooks, psychiatric expert opinions, legal filing with the probate court and attend civil hearings. The student will learn relevant criminal statutes regarding competency and civil commitment, causation in civil litigation, the concept of medical malpractice and risk assessment of violence and suicide. There may be the opportunity to witness sexually violent predator evaluations and/or treatment. The student will be required to research and write an opinion on a specific approved topic in forensic psychiatry. The objectives will be measured by attendance and by formal evaluation of the student's participation and knowledge during the supervision discussion. It will also be determined by the originality, thoroughness, and quality of the research paper.

M85 Psych 880 Schizophrenia Precursors & Prodromal States (Clinical Elective)

This is an opportunity for trainees to gain experience in the evaluation of children and adolescents who may be at high risk for schizophrenia. The rotation would center around the "First Contact Assessment Service", which evaluates patients who show characteristics suggestive of prodromal schizophrenia (such as new-onset attenuated psychotic symptoms along with recent deterioration in functioning) and/or early life characteristics that may indicate risk for developing schizophrenia later in life (for example, nonspecific social/emotional/behavioral symptoms in a child/adolescent with a strong family history of schizophrenia). Since the full symptoms of schizophrenia are often preceded by a wide range of childhood behavioral and developmental abnormalities, this rotation would also help trainees integrate information regarding the continuity between childhood development and adult psychopathology. Trainee would observe all aspects of First Contact evaluations (including semi-structured diagnostic interviews and examination of subtle neurological signs), participate in case discussions, and observe follow-up consultations involving patients with psychotic and/or complex neurodevelopmental disorders. Trainee would also be required to write a literature review on a topic relevant to the rotation.

M85 Psych 910 Psychiatry Advanced Clinical Rotation (ACR)

This is an advanced rotation that provides the students with an opportunity to expand their knowledge of inpatient clinical psychiatry by functioning as interns. While rotating through the inpatient psychiatry units on the main campus, students will encounter patients with a variety of severe psychiatric illnesses that are oftentimes complicated by various medical comorbidities requiring consultation services. Students will work on patient care teams with a PGY-1, and an attending psychiatrist. Students attend all staffing and teaching conferences given to first-year psychiatry residents and are responsible for the assessment and management of acute psychiatric patients. This includes writing notes, entering orders, and updating the handoff list. The students will also complete one week of night-float with a PGY-1, and shadow a PGY-2 in the Emergency Department's behavioral health unit. Immediate supervision is provided by the inpatient attending, senior resident, and intern on the service. Teaching emphasis is directed toward psychiatric diagnosis, appropriate use of psychopharmacologic agents, psychotherapeutic intervention, the use of community resources and pursuit of the psychiatric scientific literature.

Credit 140 units.
