

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

Credit: Selective C or Elective

Location: Augustus Hawkins @ MLK

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Applications will be accepted beginning April 1st of Year III on a first-come, first-served basis

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Assess adolescent psychiatric cases.
2. Describe diagnostic procedures and treatment modalities specific to children and adolescents.
3. Initiate adolescent psychiatric treatment.

REPORT TO: Augustus Hawkins Mental Health Center at Martin Luther King Medical Center at 8:30 a.m.

SUPERVISION:

80% Faculty

20% Residents/Fellows

PREREQUISITES: Medicine I and Psychiatry Clerkships

DURATION: 4 or 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All year except May

Rotations scheduled: Must commence clerkship on same date as students on Psychiatry Clerkship

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 1

VISITING STUDENTS: No

DESCRIPTION:

The student evaluates and treats adolescents hospitalized at Augustus Hawkins Mental Health Center with a broad range of psychiatric disorders, including schizophrenia, mood disorders, organic mental syndromes, substance abuse and conduct disorders. Under close supervision by staff and child fellows in the Division of Child Psychiatry, he/she will gain familiarity with many aspects of child psychiatry, including psychodynamic, behavioral, community, pharmacologic, and family therapy. The student is expected to function as a primary therapist and to participate in departmental and divisional conferences and seminars. Duties may be modified to accommodate students with special interests.

EVALUATION:

Students are evaluated by faculty with input from residents, and a written evaluation is completed by the course preceptor. No written or oral tests are given.

***Selective Attendance and Illness Policy**

In order to insure adequate clinical exposure, no more than 3 days of excused absences (to include official Holidays) can be accepted during a selective. This policy does not imply that absences are guaranteed; absences may be excused at the discretion of the faculty. Absence due to illness must be reported to the faculty or his/her designee as soon as possible. In case of extended absence (2 days or more), a note from a physician (who is not a relative) is required and the absence will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs. A physician note may be requested for any absence, at the discretion of the faculty.

Students will generally be required to make up days before a passing grade can be assigned. All absences must be excused and any planned absence must be registered with the preceptor prior to the first day of the selective. Students should take vacation time if he/she anticipates a need for more than 3 absences during a selective. USMLE and BLS/ACLS will not be considered excused absences.