CHILD PSYCHIATRY

Credit: Selective C or Elective  Location: Childrens Hospital Los Angeles  Revised: 7/1/07

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.

REPORT TO: CHLA Division of Neurology,
2nd floor, call for time**

PREREQUISITE: Psychiatry Clerkship

SUPERVISION:
90% Faculty
10% Residents/Fellows

DURATION: 4 to 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year
Rotations scheduled: to begin any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 1

VISITING STUDENTS: No

DESCRIPTION:
During this rotation, the student will assist in the evaluation of children and adolescents hospitalized at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles as part of the Pediatric Psychiatric Consultation-Liaison Service. The student will be involved in the assessment and psychiatric management of patients with a broad range of psychiatric and medical disorders, including mood disorders, psychotic disorders, and mental disorders due to physical conditions. The student will be under the close supervision of the Chief of the Service and the senior child-adolescent psychiatry fellow on the Service. The student will gain familiarity with various methods of psychotherapeutic and psychopharmacologic intervention in the medically ill child, and learn an appreciation of the complexities of working as a consultant in the medical environment. Duties will be modified to accommodate the special interests of the student and the special needs of the staff and the patients and their families.

** Students must obtain clearance from Raquel Landeros (rlander@chla.usc.edu) before commencement of the rotation.

EVALUATION:
Students will be informed of expectations and methods of evaluation verbally at start of the clerkship. Dr. Turkel will write the final evaluation with input from Dr. Jacobson. Students will be given feedback on their performance verbally during and at the conclusion of clerkship and by means of a written evaluation.

*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.