CONSULTATION/LIAISON PSYCHIATRY

Credit: Selective C or Elective  Location: LAC+USC Medical Center  Revised: 09/14/2011
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 and treat patients for whom consultations have been requested in General Hospital
2. Develop differential diagnosis and treatment plans for patients.
3. Conduct ongoing patient follow-up and documentation of patients.

PREREQUISITE: Psychiatry Clerkship

DURATION: 4 or 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All year
Rotations scheduled: to begin any Monday but same date as students on Psychiatry Clerkship rotations preferred.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 1

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

DESCRIPTION:
The student is based on the Psychiatric Consultation Service at LAC+USC Medical Center. Under close supervision by staff and residents on the Consultation and Liaison Psychiatry Service, he/she will provide routine and emergency consultation and follow-up for patients hospitalized at LAC+USC Medical Center. Experience is gained in evaluating and managing many psychiatric problems in medicine including: diagnostic dilemmas, behavioral disturbances, neuropsychiatric workups, suicide attempt management, social problems and liaison work. The student is also expected to participate in departmental and divisional conferences and seminars. Duties can 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 ensure 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.