DEVELOPMENTAL-BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRICS

LOCATION: LAC + USC Medical Center

PREREQUISITE: Pediatrics Clerkship

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year except December
Rotation scheduled: by calendar month

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
Students will be able to:
1. Assess normal child developmental and behavioral variations at each developmental stage from birth through adolescence.
2. Screen for and identify developmental delays or deviations throughout childhood and adolescence.
3. Initiate and coordinate appropriate evaluation and interventions for children with evidence of developmental problems.
4. Recognize and understand the ongoing biopsychosocial needs of children (and families) with Mental Retardation, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, ADHD and Learning Disabilities.
5. Recognize and utilize the contributions of each of the specialty services required in an interdisciplinary approach to effective care for children with disabling conditions.

SUPERVISION:
100% Faculty

DESCRIPTION:
Demonstrations and teaching about developmental, behavioral, communication and learning testing in children are presented. Clinical experiences stressing the age-specific developmental neurological exam (infant neurological examination, school-age kinesthetic-proprioceptive-vestibulo-cerebellar "soft signs") are provided at LAC + USC Developmental Disability and School Problems Clinics. Opportunities to do consultations on ward patients are provided as consultations are requested. The rotation focuses on the recognition, evaluation and treatment interventions for developmental and behavioral problems.

EVALUATION:
No formal written or oral tests given. Student's performance is assessed by the faculty who work with them as for their effort, proficiency and behavior. All the staff will evaluate the individual student and the preceptor will summarize the overall performance in the student evaluation form. Students who have problems will be counseled as needed.