INPATIENT PSYCHIATRY

**Location:** Augustus Hawkins - MLK  
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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**  
Students will be able to:  
1. Conduct appropriate ongoing physical and psychiatric diagnoses of patients.  
2. Gather and evaluate histories and laboratory data  
3. Observe legal procedures such as probable cause and court hearings.

**REPORT TO:** (LAC) Augustus Hawkins Mental Health Center, Martin Luther King Hospital, Lynwood

**PREREQUISITES:** Psychiatry Clerkship

**DURATION:** 4 weeks

**Rotation scheduled:** 6/26, 7/24, 9/5 and every first Monday of the month following

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 1 or 2

**VISITING STUDENTS:** Yes

**DESCRIPTION:**  
Currently our LAC+USC Adult Inpatient psychiatry wards are located at Augustus Hawkins Mental Health Center, Martin Luther King Hospital in Lynwood, CA. Working with an attending and psychiatry resident also assigned to their cases, students are expected to complete the initial psychiatric and physical evaluations, develop differential diagnoses and treatment plans, coordinate the activities of the multi-disciplinary team, meet with their patients daily, be present at family meetings, document patient care and progress, participate in disposition planning, and discharge summaries. Students will present a power point presentation on an interesting topic related to inpatient psychiatry.

**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.