Department of Psychiatry & Health Behavior

If you are interested in declaring psychiatry as your area of interest, please contact Dr. Adriana Foster (afoster@gru.edu).

Medical Student Electives in Psychiatry
2014-2015

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http://gru.edu/colleges/medicine/coffice/documents/p3electivebulletin.pdf
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PSRY 5002: Consultation Liaison Psychiatry

Course Director: Vanessa Spearman, M.D. (espearman@gru.edu)

The student doctor will have the opportunity to learn directly about the medicine/psychiatry interface, working in a team with the residents and the attending at the MCG Hospital. By evaluation of patients, presentation of cases, participation in consult rounds and case conference activities, the student doctor will gain a working knowledge of the ways in which medical illness and medications affect the mental and emotional life of patients. This medical/psychiatric experience can be invaluable for those going into any specialty of medicine.

PSRY 5004: Family Therapy

Course Director: Bernard Davidson, Ph.D. (bdavidso@gru.edu)

This elective will provide the student doctor with supervision and training in the psychiatric assessment and treatment of individuals from a family systems perspective. Students will be involved in the treatment of marital and family therapy cases in the psychiatry outpatient clinic and are also expected to participate in the following activities: residents’ family therapy seminars, weekly outpatient live case conferences, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) groups. Students will be assigned readings designed to acquaint them with basic and advanced clinical issues involved in Family Therapy approaches to treatment.
PSRY 5007: Eating Disorders

Course Director: Christian R. Lemmon, Ph.D. (clemmon@gru.edu)

This elective will provide the student doctor with an opportunity to be an active member of the Eating Disorders Treatment Team at the MCG hospital. The student will be given a number of responsibilities to include: observation and participation in initial assessments and evaluations, observation and participation in individual and group psychotherapy of both inpatient and outpatient eating disordered patients. Students will be provided reading material concerning a comprehensive biopsychosocial approach to the assessment and treatment of eating disorders.

PSRY 5010: Inpatient Psychiatry

Course Director: Scott Van Sant, M.D. (svansant@gru.edu)

This elective includes the learner as an integral part of a general hospital psychiatry inpatient team at MCG hospital (3S), an adult inpatient psychiatric unit offering an interdisciplinary approach to patient care. The student will be exposed to a diverse patient population which will provide him/her with learning experiences in mood, psychotic disorders, eating disorders, organic mental disorders, personality disorders, substance abuse, management of acute agitation, psychopharmacology, family therapy, inpatient psychotherapy in individual and group settings, and management of medical problems contributing to psychiatric illness.

PSRY 5028: HIV/AIDS - Psychiatric and Psychosocial Issues

Course Director: Lara M. Stepleman, Ph.D. (lsteplem@gru.edu)

The goal of this elective is to provide the student doctor with the opportunity to explore the psychological impact of HIV/AIDS by participating as part of MCG’s HIV/AIDS Mental Health Treatment Team. The objectives include becoming familiarized with the following areas: 1) common psychiatric disorders in the HIV population, 2) substance abuse, 3) cultural and sexual orientation diversity, 4) psycho-pharmacology in HIV disease management, 5) adjustment to illness, 6) treatment adherence, and 7) end-stage AIDS/grief work. Activities include participation in assessment, individual and family therapy, and psychological consultation in several HIV/AIDS treatment environments. Reading assignments will be provided and students will participate in an ongoing “Diversity Issues in HIV” reading group.

PSRY 5029: Molecular Neurobiology of Treatment Outcome of Schizophrenia

Course Director: Anilkumar Pillai, Ph.D. (apillai@gru.edu)

This elective will provide the student doctor with the opportunity to explore the molecular neurobiologic markers of antipsychotic actions on the brain in rats. The learner will study the common molecular markers in body fluids in early psychotic and chronic patients with schizophrenia before and after treatment with antipsychotics. The student will examine the association of these molecular substrates to several key symptomatic dimensions in patients to understand their clinical applicability. Activities will include training in all aspects of laboratory analysis and observation of standardized clinical assessments in patients.
PSRY 5023 Inpatient/Outpatient Child Psychiatry

Course Director: Lisa Sheehan, M.D. (lsheehan@gru.edu) and Miranda Harris, M.D. (mirharris@gru.edu)

This elective will provide the student doctor with the opportunity to become familiar with diagnostic issues, evaluation strategies, and behavioral and pharmacological treatments of child and adolescent psychopathology. Emphasis is placed on evaluating the child’s performance in family, school and social situations along with biological predisposition to illness. Students will work directly with faculty and child psychiatry fellows in the evaluation and treatment of children and adolescents (2-18 years) with a variety of behavioral and emotional problems.

PSRY 5036: Inpatient and Consult/Liaison Psychiatry (Sub-Internship)

Location: Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia

Course Directors: Christopher Hines, M.D. (christopher.e.hines.civ@mail.mil) Linda Evans, M.D. (linda.y.evans.civ@mail.mil)

This elective aims to include the learner as an integral part of an Army hospital psychiatry inpatient team on 13-East, an adult inpatient psychiatric unit offering an interdisciplinary approach to soldier care. A significant component of Consult Liaison Psychiatry will be afforded to the rotating student. The elective will introduce the student to a diverse patient population which will provide him/her with learning experiences in: mood disorders, psychotic disorders, eating disorders, traumatic brain injury, adjustment disorders, post traumatic stress disorder, personality disorders, substance abuse and acute detoxification, management of acute agitation, psychopharmacology, inpatient psychotherapy in individual and group setting, management of medical problems contributing to psychiatric illness, assessment of competency, informed consent, and consult-liaison evaluation and coordination with referring medical/surgical teams.

PSRY 5039: Neuropsychology/Rehabilitation Psychology Clinical Practice and Research

Location: Walton Rehabilitation Hospital, Walton Way

Course Director: Jeremy Hertza, M.D. (jeremy.hertza@neurobehavioralassociates.com)

This Special Elective will provide the student with learning experiences related to the provision of neuropsychology/psychology evaluation and treatment (e.g. psychotherapy) to inpatients and outpatients with traumatic brain injury (TBI), dementia and other cognitive disorders, seizure disorders, toxic-metabolic disorders, encephalopathies, chronic pain, movement disorders (including Parkinson’s disease), stroke, with or without comorbid mental health disorders. The student will gain understanding of the practice of neuropsychology/psychology.
**PSYR 5040: Research in Psychotic Disorders** (SEA Form Required)

Location: GR Medical Center and Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic

Course Directors: **Brian Miller, M.D., Ph.D., MPH** ([brmiller@gru.edu](mailto:brmiller@gru.edu))  
**Lara M. Stepleman, Ph.D.** ([lsteplem@gru.edu](mailto:lsteplem@gru.edu))  
**Vaughn McCall, MD** ([wmccall@gru.edu](mailto:wmccall@gru.edu))

The purpose of this elective is to introduce the medical student to the fundamentals of the research in psychiatry by becoming familiar with the practice of reviewing scientific literature as would be relevant for dissemination of scientific information, such as poster presentations and scientific articles. After completion of this elective, the student will demonstrate basic understanding of areas of research in psychiatry, will examine and appraise current literature in a manner relevant for dissemination of scientific information and will develop a presentation for the departmental journal club, case conference or any other appropriate venue.

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**PSYR 5041: Addiction Psychiatry** (SEA Form Required)

Location: Ridgeview Institute, Smyrna

Course Director: **Steven Lynn, M.D.** ([drsmlynn@gmail.com](mailto:drsmlynn@gmail.com))

The purpose of this elective is to provide the exposure to the diagnosis and treatment of addiction disease with and without medical and psychiatric co-morbidities. The student will become familiar with the clinical practice of addiction psychiatry at various levels of care to include inpatient, residential partial hospitalization, intensive outpatient and outpatient treatment settings. Patient population may include adolescents, young adults, geriatric, as well as adult patients. Patient care will include detoxification, psychopharmacology, individual, group and milieu therapy and 12 step facilitation. After completing this elective the students will: recognize the fundamentals of addiction and psychiatric medicine as practiced in a private hospital based setting; Identify to applications of evidence-based mind-body interventions toward symptom reduction, relapse prevention and improved quality of life for a diverse population of patients with addiction and dual diagnosis disease; Recognize the importance of the treatment team approach to addiction psychiatry. Recognize the current areas of research as it relates to the clinical practice of addiction psychiatry

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**PSYR 5043: Emergency Psychiatry**

Location: GR Medical Center

Course Director: **Nancy Harpold, DO.** ([nharpold@gru.edu](mailto:nharpold@gru.edu))

The purpose of this elective is to introduce the medical student to the fundamentals of emergency psychiatry. The student will demonstrate basic understanding of the clinical range of psychiatric emergencies, including acute mania and psychosis, drug intoxication and withdrawal, risk of self-harm and harm of others. The student will perform clinical care of patients presenting with mental health complaints in the Emergency Department, under attending supervision. The student will appraise current literature on a topic relevant to Emergency Psychiatry in a manner relevant for dissemination of scientific information. The student will develop a presentation for the departmental journal club, case conference, mortality and morbidity conference or any other appropriate venue.
PSRY 5042: Outpatient Child Psychiatry

Location: Athens Campus, Athens Behavioral Medicine, Inc.

Course Director: Kalyn Lane, M.D. (kalyn.lane@gmail.com)

The purpose of this elective is to provide an opportunity for the student to become familiar with diagnostic issues, evaluation strategies and behavioral and psychopharmacological treatments in child and adolescent psychiatry. The student will describe the role of the child and adolescent psychiatrist as a member of the health care team; demonstrate history-taking skills that apply to children and adolescents; evaluate the child’s performance in family, school and social situations along with biological predisposition to illness; demonstrate proficient communication with patients, families, colleagues and staff; utilize patient and family education skills.

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