

Phase 2/3 Elective Description

Campus: SW (Bismarck)

Elective/Experience Title: Psychiatry

Location of Elective: Sanford Health - Bismarck, ND

Preceptor(s): Lacey Armstrong, MD & Cheryl Huber, MD

Period(s) Offered: All Periods

Number of students per period: 1

Department: Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

Course Number: PSYB 9108

Course Prerequisite: Psychiatry Clerkship Completion

Revised Curriculum Phase(s): 3

Purpose: To develop a more advanced ability to evaluate and manage patients presenting with various psychiatric disturbances in the inpatient and outpatient settings.

Objectives: Following successful completion of this elective, the student will be able to:

1. Execute in patient evaluations with emphasis on the mental status examination and in establishing patient rapport (Competency 3.1).
2. Generate a satisfactory differential diagnosis utilizing DSM-V, with emphasis on psychotic, mood and anxiety disorders, substance abuse and dependence, delirium, dementia and personality disorders (Competency 3.3)
3. Identify appropriate utilization of a multidisciplinary treatment team, including appropriate use of laboratory and psychological testing (Competency 2.7, 3.2, 3.4).
4. Summarize knowledge of common psychotropic medications indications, mechanisms and side effects, with emphasis on antipsychotics, antidepressants, anxiolytics, and mood-stabilizing medications (Competency 2.4).
5. Summarize the concepts of transference, counter transference and the therapeutic alliance (Competency 4.7, 5.6, 5.8).

Instructional Activities: During this elective, the student will be involved in/experience:

1. Participate in presentations of inpatients in weekly interdisciplinary treatment team meetings.
2. Conduct daily rounds on hospitalized patients, if agreeable to psychiatric hospitalist.
3. Perform initial evaluations of new inpatients/consultations when feasible and appropriate.
4. Complete assigned readings.
5. Participate in assessment of new patients in outpatient/crisis clinic.
6. Work with clinic patients (children, adolescents, adults and geriatrics) as well as a deeper dive into clinical care of adolescents with severe and complex psychiatric pathology.

Criteria for Grading: During and following this elective, the preceptor will:

1. Utilize the standardized UNDSMHS Phase 3 elective evaluation form.
2. Determine by direct observation adequate performance of psychiatric diagnostic interviews and mental status examinations, whether dictated, in writing, or observed directly by the preceptor (objective 1).
3. Determine by direct supervision the student's ability to satisfactorily care for psychiatric patients including a basic understanding of the components of the bio-psycho-social treatment approach (objective 2,3).
4. Evaluate, by discussions, student's working knowledge of common psychotropic medications and the concepts of transference, counter-transference and the therapeutic alliance. (objective 4, 5).
5. Assessment of student's ability to work as part of the treatment team. (objective 3).