Psychiatry

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Through participation of the Department of Psychiatry in the interdisciplinary clinical process course, first-year students are introduced via formal presentations and follow-up small-group discussions to the following relevant topics: the medical interview; the disturbed family; death, dying and loss; childhood growth and development; human sexuality; aging; addiction; anxiety; depression; and psychosis. Clinical training includes supervised experience in the treatment of hospitalized patients and clinic outpatients, using chemotherapy, other somatic treatments, interview techniques demonstrated in regularly held seminars using videotaped case material, and in weekly case conferences. The clerkship offers a thorough didactic review of such topics as psychopharmacology, child development and psychopathology, all major psychiatric syndromes, drug abuse and alcoholism, human sexuality and sexual dysfunction, and consultative psychiatric services.

PYCH 911. Child Psychiatry. 4 Hours.
Normal and abnormal growth and development. Clinical assessment of children and early adolescents. Interview and play therapy. Family counseling. Group work with parents. Offered in modules I-XII. Prerequisite: PYCH 955. LEC.

PYCH 912. Emergency Psychiatry. 4 Hours.
Exposure to patients with acute psychiatric disturbances. Students will learn how to assess psychiatric emergencies and provide initial treatment. The course involves exposure to community resources, multidisciplinary treatment and interaction with law enforcement and the court system. Clinical experience working with physicians caring for patients in the Emergency Department. Readings in emergency patient care and discussions with the attending physician are part of the course. Patient contact with patients in the Crisis Stabilization Center of the Emergency Department. Prerequisite: PYCH 955. LEC.

PYCH 913. Ambulatory Psychiatry. 4 Hours.
This course involves exposure to patients followed in an ambulatory psychiatry setting. Students will have the opportunity to learn to evaluate and manage a cross section of patients with psychiatric complaints. Clinical evaluations and exposure to actual patients. Students will first observe and later lead evaluation of patients and formulate treatment plans with attending physicians. Readings in ambulatory patient care and diagnosis interviewing are a part of the course. Patients will be ambulatory clinic patients at the KUMC outpatient clinic, the Kansas City-VA Hospital Mental Hygiene Clinic, a facility clinic location, or the community mental health centers. Prerequisite: PYCH 955. LEC.

PYCH 914. Psychiatry in Medicine and Surgery. 4 Hours.
Experience with psychiatric consultations to the medicine and surgery services. Evaluation of psychiatric problems in medical and surgical inpatients. Students will demonstrate effective interview technique and explain the basis for diagnosis and management. Supervisors will evaluate clinical skills. Offered in modules I-XII. Prerequisite: PYCH 955. LEC.

PYCH 915. Psychiatry in Pediatrics. 4 Hours.
Experience with psychiatric consultations to the pediatric services. Evaluation of psychiatric problems in pediatric inpatients and outpatients. Students will demonstrate effective interview technique and explain the basis for diagnosis and management. Faculty supervisors will evaluate clinical skills. Offered in modules I-XII. Prerequisite: PYCH 955. LEC.

PYCH 916. Introduction to Psychotherapy. 4 Hours.
The student will observe and participate in individual and group psychotherapy sessions in outpatient as well as inpatient settings. Child and adolescent patients as well as adult patients will be involved. These psychotherapy experiences will include: 1) Inpatient group psychotherapy for adult patients with an affective disorder 2) Inpatient group psychotherapy for adult patients with a substance use disorder 3) Inpatient group psychotherapy with acting-out adolescents 4) Family psychotherapy with parents of psychiatric child inpatients 5) Outpatient adult group psychotherapy with patients suffering from panic disorder 6) Outpatient adult group psychotherapy with patients suffering from a schizoaffective disorder 7) Outpatient adult individual cognitive therapy in a family practice setting 8) Outpatient adult interpersonal psychotherapy with less psychiatrically ill patients 9) Outpatient individual diagnosis specific psychotherapy. In addition, the student will provide brief, problem-focused individual psychotherapy three times weekly to at least one patient hospitalized on the adult inpatient service under the immediate supervision of Dr. Elizabeth C. Penick that will include a review of audiotaped psychotherapy sessions. The student will be provided a list of readings which he will discuss on a weekly basis with Dr. Penick. At the completion of the program, the student will have received a broad comprehensive introduction to the more commonly used approaches to psychotherapy. LEC.

PYCH 918. Inpatient Psychiatry. 4 Hours.
Advanced full-time experience in hospital treatment. Includes training in individual and milieu therapy, chemotherapy, etc. The student will function as a first-year resident insofar as the student is able to assume the required responsibilities of that position. Students electing this module will be evaluated by faculty supervisors on the basis of their clinical performance and the growth of their fund of psychiatric knowledge during the module. Offered in modules I-XII. Prerequisite: PYCH 955. LEC.

PYCH 919. Continuation of Inpatient Psychiatry. 4 Hours.
Students electing this module will be evaluated by faculty supervisors on the basis of their clinical performance and the growth of their fund of psychiatric knowledge during the module. Offered in modules I-XII. Prerequisite: PYCH 900 and PYCH 918. FLD.

PYCH 920. Research in Psychiatry. 4 Hours.
An approved psychiatric research project in an area of special interest to the student may be undertaken with the individual supervision of a faculty member within the sphere of whose own professional interests the student's topic of study lies. This elective experience will include the writing of a paper or presentation of a seminar reporting on the student's investigation and findings. Offered in modules I-XII. Prerequisite: PYCH 900. IND.