PSYCHIATRY/NEUROLOGY CLERKSHIP COURSE DESCRIPTION
(PS010, PS011, PS012, PS013, PS015, PS017/NE 011, NE013, NE015, NE017)

This clerkship is an 8-week experience with both clinical psychiatry and neurology. The major components of the clerkship, described below, are 1) weekly integrated didactic sessions, and 2) ambulatory, inpatient and consultation clinical experiences in both psychiatry and neurology.

Didactic Sessions: All students assigned to the clerkship will meet weekly in small groups, with tutors from both psychiatry and neurology weekly at the Semel Institute. These small groups will discuss cases which require active problem-solving. They will apply information from the first two years of medical school as well as from the required psychiatric textbook, and from neurology readings given to the students. Students will be expected to read in preparation for the didactics.

Clinical Experiences: Students will spend five weeks with a primary emphasis in psychiatry and three weeks with a primary emphasis in neurology. Students will be assigned to one of six clinical sites: SINUB/CHS, West LA VA, Harbor-UCLA, San Fernando Valley (Sepulveda VA/ Olive View), Martin Luther King/Drew and Cedars-Sinai. Students may be at more than one site during their 8-week clerkship. Students may take call to the Emergency Department in the evenings approximately once a week during the clerkship.

Orientation: All students will come together on the first day for an orientation at CHS. They will review and practice doing a brief psychiatric interview, a mental status exam and a neurological exam in small groups.

Evaluation: Students will take written examinations and receive an evaluation of their clinical skills in both psychiatry and neurology. Separate evaluations will be completed by psychiatry and neurology on each student. Students will also be asked to provide feedback about the clerkship, to provide ongoing quality improvement.

Course Chairs:
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POSSIBLE STUDENT PSYCHIATRY EXPERIENCES

- West LA VA Medical Center (PS 010)
  Geriatric Inpatient Psychiatry
  Adult Inpatient Psychiatry

- Semel Institute/CHS (PS 011)
  Adolescent Inpatient Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
  Geriatric Inpatient Psychiatry
  Adult Inpatient Psychiatry
  Substance Abuse Psychiatry

- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (PS 012)
  Adolescent Inpatient Psychiatry
  Emergency Psychiatry
  Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
  Adult Inpatient Psychiatry
  Outpatient Psychiatry

- Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (PS 013)
  Adolescent Inpatient Psychiatry
  Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
  Dual Diagnosis
  Emergency Psychiatry
  Adult Inpatient Psychiatry
  Rehabilitation Psychiatry

- Martin Luther King/Drew (PS 01)
  Adolescent Inpatient Psychiatry
  Emergency Psychiatry
  Adult Inpatient Psychiatry

- San Fernando Valley Medical Program (PS 015)
  Sepulveda VA Medical Center
  Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
  Geriatric Psychiatry
  Adult Outpatient Psychiatry

  Olive View-UCLA Medical Center
  Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
  Emergency Psychiatry
  Adult Inpatient

*This is not the location of the “Block” orientation.*
Criteria for Letters of Distinction in Psychiatry
To obtain a Letter of Distinction in the Psychiatry clerkship a student must
1) demonstrate to the attending and resident physicians on the clinical units the student’s superlative
   clinical and interpersonal skills in caring for psychiatric patients and working with the
   interdisciplinary team. A nomination for a Letter is necessary, but not sufficient, to get a Letter of
   Distinction.
2) demonstrate an excellent understanding of the basic content material of the clerkship on a written
   examination. Generally this means scoring at or above the 80th percentile on the shelf examination.
3) be an active and informed participant in small group learning.

Criteria for Letters of Distinction in Neurology
The student must meet the following to be considered for a letter of distinction in Neurology:
1) Student must be nominated by a faculty member, on the evaluation form. Faculty are given the
   following criteria to take into consideration:
   a) Precise, reliable history taking, with problem oriented focus.
   b) Physical examination is complete and accurate.
   c) Case presentations are polished.
   d) Differential diagnosis is comprehensive and appropriate.
   e) Good clinical judgment.
   f) Effective communication with patients, families and housestaff.
   g) Overall attitude reflects commitment, trustworthiness and respect.
2) Remarks on the Medical Student Evaluation forms from all three reviewers should be outstanding.
   The evaluations must also demonstrate that the Attending and Resident physicians on the team feel
   that the student has outstanding clinical and interpersonal skills, as well as applicable fund of
   knowledge.
3) The final exam grade must be the 80th percentile or above.
4) They must attend all Monday lecture sections and group discussion sections.
5) All evaluations and clerkship requirements must be submitted on time.

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