

Psychiatry & Behavioral Science (PSYM)

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PSYM M162. Addiction Medicine. 0 Credit Hours.

Course Attributes: M5

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

PSYM M165. Intro to C&L Psychiatry. 0 Credit Hours.

Course Attributes: M5

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

PSYM M242. Interv the Ill & Dying. 0 Credit Hours.

Course Attributes: M5

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

PSYM M243. Intro to Child Psychiatry. 0 Credit Hours.

Course Attributes: M5

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

PSYM M251. Rel/Spirit Clin Practice. 0 Credit Hours.

Course Attributes: M2

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

PSYM M266. Psychiatry: A Narrative Pursuit. 0 Credit Hours.

The objective of this course is to expose students to the experience of mental illness through various narratives. Psychiatry as a discipline has a unique relationship with language and story telling. The psychiatric exam itself relies almost solely on the narrative that exists between physician and patient; in addition, psychiatric illness can be seen as a narrative that is both intrinsic and extrinsic to the mind of the affected person. This course will review a myriad of different texts in order to gain a view into the nuances of mental illness, as well as into the extraordinary relationship between patient and doctor of the mind. The goal of the course is to build narrative competence such that students will be better situated to approach the care of patients living with mental illness. By the end of the course, students will understand how narrative competence can inform psychiatric practice, and how narrative medicine can enhance physician empathy toward these patients who are often misunderstood. Using techniques such as close reading and textual analysis, this course will explore relationships between mental illness, patient, and caregiver. Following discussion of a text, students will be asked to participate in unstructured writing; the intent of this exercise is to encourage students to make a connection between readings and their own experience, as humans, and as physicians-in-training. Sharing of personal stories, as written or spoken narratives, will allow students to broaden their concept of what it means to be a psychiatrist in a multicultural world.

Field of Study Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Majors: Medicine.

Degree Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Degrees: Doctor of Medicine.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

PSYM M300. Career Exploration of Psychiatry Consultation-Liaison. 0 Credit Hours.

This elective will allow students to gain exposure to the specialty and the types of health conditions experienced by patients seen by providers in this specialty as healthcare team members.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

PSYM M340. Psychiatry. 0 Credit Hours.

The Psychiatry clerkship is a 4-week rotation during which students are exposed to a broad range of common psychiatric disorders and clinical scenarios. During this rotation, students participate in assessment, diagnosis and management of patients with a variety of psychiatric presentations, including mood disorders, psychotic disorders, substance use disorders, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, and other psychiatric disorders.

Course Attributes: M7

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

PSYM M362. Career Exploration of Addiction Psychiatry. 0 Credit Hours.

This elective will allow students to gain exposure to addiction psychiatry and the types of health conditions experienced by patients seen by providers in this specialty as healthcare team members.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

PSYM M372. Career Exploration of Child Psychiatry. 0 Credit Hours.

This elective will allow students to gain exposure to the specialty and the types of health conditions experienced by patients seen by providers in this specialty as healthcare team members.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

PSYM M700. Inpatient Psychiatry. 0 Credit Hours.

In this clinical elective, students will work on an inpatient psychiatric unit. They will participate in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of behavioral, psychotic, mood, and personality disorders. They will further develop their skills in psychiatric history taking, formulating a multi-disciplinary treatment plan, and learning about system-based mental health care.

Course Attributes: M2

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of P in INTM M301, OBGY M320, PEDI M330, PSYM M340, SURG M350, NEUR M370, and FAMP M360.

PSYM M701. General Psychiatry/Outpatient. 0 Credit Hours.

Course Attributes: M2

PSYM M702. Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. 0 Credit Hours.

This clinical elective will focus on assessment and treatment of child and adolescent patients in psychiatry, including diagnosis and treatment of disorders such as ADHD, oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorder, autism spectrum disorders, and other disorders that present in childhood and adolescence, including MDD, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, etc. Students will participate in outpatient initial evaluations of patients.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of P in INTM M301, OBGY M320, PEDI M330, PSYM M340, SURG M350, NEUR M370, and FAMP M360.

PSYM M707. Consult and Liaison Psychiatry. 0 Credit Hours.

This clinical rotation provides psychiatric evaluation, treatment, and follow-up to the medical, surgical, and subspecialty patients admitted to the hospital. The entire gamut of psychiatric illness is encountered, including patients with depression, psychosis, substance use disorder, somatoform disorders, cognitive disorders, and psychological reactions to physical illness. In addition, the "difficult to manage" patient is given special attention.

Course Attributes: M2

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of P in INTM M301, OBGY M320, PEDI M330, PSYM M340, SURG M350, NEUR M370, and FAMP M360.

PSYM M711. Emergency Psychiatry Crisis Response Center (CRC). 0 Credit Hours.

This clinical elective provides advanced training in the assessment and care of seriously ill psychiatric patients in Philadelphia's busiest psychiatric emergency service. The student is responsible, under the supervision of the attending staff, for the evaluation, management, and disposition of psychiatric emergencies. The student will work closely with attending and resident staff, other members of the CRC team, and outside agencies such as case management services, the police department, and managed care organizations.

Course Attributes: M2

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of P in INTM M301, OBGY M320, PEDI M330, PSYM M340, SURG M350, NEUR M370, and FAMP M360.

PSYM M713. Addiction Psychiatry. 0 Credit Hours.

This clinical elective is designed to expose medical students to the diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders. Students will be paired with faculty treating patients for substance use disorder in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Students will be exposed to treating patients for withdrawal in the acute care setting and outpatient maintenance care. The importance of transitional care will be highlighted with particular attention to socioeconomic challenges experienced by patients with drug dependence.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of P in INTM M301, OBGY M320, PEDI M330, PSYM M340, SURG M350, NEUR M370, and FAMP M360.

PSYM M719. Geriatric Psychiatry. 0 Credit Hours.

Course Attributes: M2

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

PSYM M735. Eating Disorder. 0 Credit Hours.

Course Attributes: M2

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

PSYM M736. Substance Abuse. 0 Credit Hours.

Course Attributes: M2

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

PSYM M890. Advanced Psychiatry. 0 Credit Hours.

This elective offers students exposure to the practice of Psychiatry beyond that of their Phase 2 clerkship. Students will participate in inpatient and/or outpatient care of routine and complex Psychiatry patients.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of P in INTM M301, OBGY M320, PEDI M330, PSYM M340, SURG M350, NEUR M370, and FAMP M360.