

**PSYCHIATRY CLERKSHIP**  
**Naval Medical Center Portsmouth**

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**Duration:** 4- 6 weeks (shorter or longer rotations can be arranged on a case-by-case basis)

**Number of Students:** \*6

**Student Level:** MS-3 or MS-4

**Course Description and Objectives:**

The primary objectives of this rotation at NMCP Psychiatry is focused on developing an understanding of the major mental illnesses from the biopsychosocial perspective. Medical Students usually rotate on the inpatient service. However, the student may request to rotate through our Psychiatry Emergency Services, Consult Liaison Services, Child Psychiatry or Addiction Medicine services as well.

Third year students typically rotate for 2-6 weeks on our inpatient psychiatry unit; however, elective rotations are available for inpatient psychiatry, emergency psychiatry, consult/liaison psychiatry, child psychiatry or addiction medicine. Many fourth year students chose to create their own specialized experience by rotating through more than one of our services during their clerkship. We will work with each medical student to accommodate their individual schedule, needs and learning objectives. Interaction between the residents and students will be encouraged throughout the rotation and interviews for internship positions, if applicable, will take place with the residency program director.

**Requirements:**

1. Be present each day of the rotation.
2. Participate in ward rounds if assigned to the inpatient unit.
3. Attend multidisciplinary conferences/treatment teams as scheduled.
4. Attend department CME activities and other scheduled lectures/classes.
5. Manage care under supervision for 1-3 patients with a variety of diagnoses and learn basic treatment principles.
6. Write a concise coherent admission note consisting of history, MSE and recommendation for further treatment and evaluation.
7. Write daily progress notes as per protocol.
8. Lead rounds on assigned patients.
9. Write discharge notes on assigned patients.

10. Perform physical examinations.
11. Attend in-patient group therapy.
12. Do case presentations under supervision.
13. Observe and develop proficiency in performing the psychiatric interview.
14. MS3 students only - Write a paper on a topic pertinent to psychiatry (chosen by the student but approved by the supervisor) which is to be turned in to the supervisor by the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the rotation.

**Evaluation:**                      90% observation/faculty evaluation; 10% paper

\*Additional students may be accommodated

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