

**ELECTIVE NAME:**

Pediatric Subspecialty: Pediatric Psychology

**COURSE NO:**

PHD 601

**PREREQUISITE:**

Required Pediatric Clerkship

**INSTITUTION:**

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

INSTRUCTOR: Drs. A. Richtsmeier, J. Coates

**DESCRIPTION:**

The student will be able to observe and participate in the psychological and neuro-cognitive evaluations provided to the inpatient, outpatient, and specialty clinics. Students will work primarily seeing patients along with Dr. Richtsmeier in his out-patient practice. The focus will primarily be out-patient, but students may also participate in in-patient consultations. The aim of the rotation is to provide students an understanding of how to address common mental health related issues they will encounter in general pediatric practice. The student will gain knowledge of evaluations for a wide range of psychological disorders. The student will also gain knowledge of intelligence, academic, and continuous performance testing. Recommended readings will be part of the rotation.

**OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of the rotation, students should:

1. Know how and when to gather a complete database to address mental health problems
2. Know how to perform a good interview of child and family
3. Become more familiar and comfortable with the general assessment and approach to common pediatric problems such as those related to discipline, ADHD, sleep, PDD, toileting, anxiety/depression, etc.
4. Understand the important principles of pediatric psychopharmacology
5. Know how to triage children who present with mental health related needs

**EVALUATION:**

Evaluation will be written by Dr. Richtsmeier at the end of the rotation. Ongoing feedback will be provided during the rotation.