

ELECTIVE NAME:

Adult Psychiatry: Addiction Medicine

COURSE NO:

PSC 609

PREREQUISITE:

Required Psychiatry Clerkship

INSTITUTION:

Addiction Consultants

OBJECTIVES:

- To obtain experience in the delivery of care to chemically dependent persons.
- To improve skills in interviewing and to facilitate interaction with patients.
- To increase acuity in clinical judgment and in the diagnosis of chemical dependence.
- To obtain experience in the concept of the multi-disciplinary team approach to the management of the chemically dependent person.
- To increase knowledge of the disease concept model of treatment for chemical dependence.

DESCRIPTION:

The student will spend this elective in a semi-experiential intensive outpatient setting that specializes in the treatment of the addicted health professional, learning about the disease of chemical dependence and the specialty of addiction medicine. During this experience, the student will attend groups and lectures, and be able to experience the reality of the addiction process through the lives of the patients who are in treatment. The entire disease and recovery process will be apparent to the student by the end of the rotation, and the student will have an appreciation for the ubiquitous nature of addiction as a disease, and the global impact that addiction has on our society, the professions, and the addicted individual and his or her family.

The student also will have the opportunity for independent reading about addiction, and to participate in the multi-disciplinary treatment approach that is utilized in effective treatment programs. The student will become skilled in the assessment of addiction as a disease, and will be able to apply this knowledge in his/her medical career, whether that be in primary care or in one of the clinical specialties. Inpatient: 5%; Outpatient: 95%.

EVALUATION:

Preceptor(s) will be asked to submit a written evaluation at the conclusion of the clerkship. Faculty are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback throughout elective rotations.