

## **PAST 506 – Clinical Residency – Behavioral and Mental Health Rotation Learning Outcomes**

### **Overview**

This clinical rotation is designed to enable the PA student to meet the program's learning outcomes specifically related to an understanding of the psychosocial and behavioral components of health, disease, and disability. The formulation and understanding of the varied psychiatric problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and mental status exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing when appropriate, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan for each presenting problem. Emphasis is placed on early recognition, intervention, and psychiatric referral and/or consultation. By the end of the behavioral medicine rotation, students should demonstrate improved competency in the following areas

1. Familiarity with a variety of acute and chronic psychiatric and emotional disorders
2. Familiarity with terminology specific to the psychiatric setting and the DSM-5
3. Advancing skills in patient rapport, psychiatric history taking, mental status examination, formulating a differential diagnosis and management plans for the problems identified in an ambulatory and inpatient psychiatric setting.
4. Advancing skills in the use of the problem-oriented medical record as used in the psychiatric setting.
5. Understanding indications, limitations, and the scope of diagnostic procedures useful in the evaluation of patients with psychiatric illnesses.
6. Understanding the indications, benefits, and risks of various therapeutic treatments such as psychopharmacology and counseling/therapy used in the inpatient and outpatient settings for treating psychiatric disorders.
7. Advancing skills in educating and counseling patients regarding the natural progression of their condition, the treatment selected, and the importance of compliance and active participation of the patient.
8. Familiarity with indications for psychiatric referral and acquaint student with available community resources to meet the patients' needs.
9. Understanding the influences of family, culture, and personality dynamics on the health and illness behavior of the patient in the psychiatric setting.
10. Developing empathy for the needs of patients in the psychiatric setting.