

Course Code:	NPSY-G810
Name of Rotation/Elective:	Advanced Focus in Psychiatry
Duration:	4 weeks (4 credit hours)
Possible Rotation Dates:	<p>August 4 – 29, 2025 September 1 – 26, 2025 September 29 – October 24, 2025 October 27 – November 21, 2025 November 24 – December 19, 2025 January 5 – 30, 2026</p> <p>NOTE: Visiting student rotation dates <u>MUST</u> match the dates listed above; No off-cycle rotations</p>
Applicant Requirements:	<p>Must have successfully completed an M3 Psychiatry clerkship before beginning the rotation. Applicants for Psychiatry must also furnish the following as part of their VSLO application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Statement (Max 1-2 paragraphs on “Why Psychiatry?”) • Rotation Location Preference (Questions in VSLO) • Letter of Interest (Max 300 words; Must articulate your interest in Prisma Health Upstate) • Letter of Recommendation from faculty member or attending-level physician • Current Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Resumé • Transcript • Proof of passing Step 1
Course Location:	<p>Greenville Residency: Primarily Prisma Health’s Greenville Memorial Hospital/Marshall Pickens. The rotation could also include various community clinics, child and adolescent, and consult liaison psychiatry.</p> <p>Greer Residency: Greer Memorial Hospital, Center for Psychiatry (outpatient)</p>
Residency Website:	<p>Greenville: https://academics.prismahealth.org/graduate-medical-education/residencies/psychiatry-greenville</p> <p>Greer: https://academics.prismahealth.org/graduate-medical-education/residencies/psychiatry-greer</p>
Typical Schedule:	<p>For the most part, all rotations on this elective will follow typical business hours. The clerkship coordinator will provide a schedule prior to the start of the rotation. The Greer residency has an overall focus on outpatient and consult liaison psychiatry, whereas there are more inpatient components with the Greenville residency.</p>
Course Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate advanced ability to evaluate each patient for potential relationships between medical and psychiatric symptoms and illnesses, potential history of abuse or neglect, and psychiatric emergencies including danger to self or others. • Accurately and completely identify psychopathology, formulate accurate differential and working diagnoses utilizing DSM5, assess patients’ strengths and prognosis, and develop appropriate biopsychosocial evaluation (laboratory, radiologic, and psychological testing) and treatment plans for psychiatric patients. • Describe the indications and contraindications, complete mechanisms of action, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, efficacy and cost, uncommon as well as common and serious side effects, toxicity, drug interactions, and issues of each class of psychotropic medications as they are relevant to special populations and demonstrate the ability to select and use these agents to treat mental disorders. • Demonstrate advanced ability to appraise and assimilate scientific evidence, utilizing relevant databases of psychiatric evidence-based medicine, to improve patient care. • Demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in the effective exchange of information and collaboration with patients, their families, and other health professionals.
Course Description:	<p>Exposure options include outpatient, emergency, substance abuse, and consultative fields. The presenting problems of patients may include personality disorders, acute psychotic disorders, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, psychosomatic illness, organic</p>

brain syndrome, and substance abuse disorders. The visiting medical student will be responsible for intake assessments, including a mental status examination. The visiting medical student will also participate in the decision-making processes and in continuity of care. Additional assignments will be made to specialized treatment programs including individual psychotherapy.

With the Greenville residency, the student may see outpatients being treated at the Brownell Center, collocated with Marshall I. Pickens Hospital, Greater Greenville Mental Health Centers, or Prisma Health Patewood. Inpatient rotations will be at Marshall I. Pickens. Consultation and emergency services are located at Greenville Memorial Medical Center. With the Greer residency, students will primarily be placed in outpatient services at Greer's Center for Psychiatry.

The course is designed to provide the visiting medical student with maximum patient contact. Reviews of interviewing techniques and the principles of general psychiatry with the introduction of individual psychotherapy techniques will complement the student's clinical contact with patients. Upon completion of the elective, students will be expected to perform at a level consistent with that of a first-year psychiatric resident.

Both the student's preceptors and the Clerkship Director for Psychiatry (or his designee) will evaluate the student's performance. Input will be obtained from the other health professionals with whom the student has worked. Additionally, successful completion of the stated objectives will be required to pass this course.