

Course Description	The primary goal of the Consultation-Liaison psychiatry core rotation is to ensure that students develop a basic competence in working with patients in inpatient and ambulatory medical settings who have psychiatric presentations.
Course Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in effective interactions with a variety of consultees, including determination of consultation questions, and reporting of findings and recommendations. • Create a pertinent and useful consultation note by gathering data from appropriate sources, such as: the patient chart, hospital staff, family, and other relevant individuals • Monitor the patient's course during hospitalization and provide continuing input as needed. • Develop a therapeutic alliance with medically ill patients, interviewing these patients in a variety of settings • Evaluate cognitive ability and capacity to make medical decisions in medically ill patients. • Advise and guide consultees about the role of the medical disease and medications in the patient's presenting symptoms. • Describe the indications for a variety of somatic therapies in medical and surgical patients • Describe the use of psychotropic medications and ECT in medical/surgical patients, drug interactions, and dosing concerns • Describe the use of non-organic treatments, including brief psychotherapy, behavioral management techniques, family therapy and psychoeducation • Practice professional communication and collaboration by working with multidisciplinary staff to maximize the care of complex medically ill patients
Course Activities	Rounds start at 8:30 AM with a checkout from the night before. Education regarding formal presentations occur at this time. The team then meets and reviews and discusses patients being followed and new consults. The fourth-year student will function as a junior resident and will perform new evaluations, as well as follow patients on the C&L service. If the student is interested in emergency psychiatry, they will have the opportunity to spend time evaluating patients in this setting, as well. The student also will attend formulation class on Tuesdays.
Course Schedule Requirements	No on-call requirement. Student is present during usual clinical hours (7:30am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday, excluding holidays as determined by the ECU calendar).



Duration	2 weeks	Location	Psych Med, Vidant Medical Center
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Designation	Elective	Revised	5.17.2019
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