M.D. Program Education

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences provides M.D. students with an awareness of psychiatric problems as they are experienced in the practice of medicine. The educational mission of the Department is to teach the knowledge base, skills, and professional attributes in psychiatry and behavioral neurosciences for future physicians to practice competently in any medical specialty.

This Department is active in the teaching of the medical student throughout all four years of training. The core curriculum in psychiatry is taught in the second and third year of medical school and includes:

- Year II: Normal development and psychopathology
- Year III: Clinical clerkship and didactic learning

Clinical psychiatry rotations are conducted at Detroit Receiving Hospital, Harper University Hospital, Henry Ford Health System, Providence Hospital, Sinai-Grace Hospital, University Psychiatric Centers, William Beaumont Hospital, and Veterans’ Administration Medical Center. These rotation sites provide the student with experiences in a variety of clinical settings, including inpatient, partial hospitalization programs, consultation services, emergency room, and outpatient services. Faculty members also serve as course directors and participate in the teaching of interdisciplinary courses that span the four years of medical school, including clinical medicine (history and communication skills), human sexuality, and behavioral health longitudinal curricula (interpersonal violence, substance use disorders, preventative health and health maintenance).

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