

Psychiatry Clerkship Site Descriptions

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Hines VA Inpatient (2 South)

- Setting: Psychiatric inpatient hospitalization
- Population: Adult veterans
- Conditions treated: Acute crises, typically involving severe depression, suicidality, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, personality disorders, and substance use disorders
- Service goals / details: Acute stabilization of psychiatric crises and fostering long-term engagement with rehabilitative services and/or outpatient treatment.

Hines Geriatrics (inpatient/ECC – 4 days/week, outpatient/HBPC – 1 day/week)

- ★ New, revamped site as of NOV6 clerkship! Details below might change.
- Settings (2): A combined site rotation involving 1) Extended Care Center: nursing home level of care and 2) Outpatient, Home-Based Primary-Care: general medical and psychiatric services delivered in the patient's home.
- Population: Older adults, geriatric population, 65+
- Conditions treated: Wide range of psychiatric conditions: depression, anxiety, PTSD, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, substance use disorders, dementia
- Service details: 1) Address acute psychiatric needs that arise during ECC admissions and provide supportive care, 2) HPBC - Ongoing management of chronic psychiatric conditions
2) HBPC- Foster long-term engagement and support with psychiatry/psychology to improve overall health/wellness, preserve functioning/independence and avoid negative outcomes due to medical/psychiatric illness

Hines VA Substance Abuse (2 North: Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation and Treatment Program – SAR RTP)

- Setting: Residential substance rehab program
- Population: Adult veterans
- Conditions treated: Substance use disorders, often with comorbid psychiatric disorders
- Service goals / details: Review new patient admissions, discuss current patients, plan upcoming admissions and discharges, and provide group therapy. Patients include those who are admitted to the program and those who utilize the program as needed.

Hines VA Consult-Liaison Service

- Setting: Hospital-based psychiatric consultation service
- Population: Adult veterans who are medically hospitalized
- Conditions treated: Delirium (acute confusion often due to infection, medications, or metabolic disturbances), agitation, capacity determinations to make medical decisions, psychological reactions to medical illness, catatonia, suicide risk assessment, the need for psychiatric hospitalization post-discharge, and a wide range of psychiatric conditions.
- Service goals / details: Work closely with physicians from various specialties, respond to consult questions, assist with comprehensive evaluation of medically hospitalized patients, and provide treatment recommendations.

Hines VA ARC / ED / MHC

- Settings (3): A combined site rotation that provides exposure to various levels of psychiatric acuity and systems of care: 1) The Acute Recovery Center, 2) The Emergency Department, and 3) The Mental Health Intake Center.
- Population: Adult veterans
- Conditions treated: Wide variety of psychiatric presentations
- Service goals / details: 1) ARC: Intensive outpatient program (IOP) to help stabilize acutely ill patients. 2) ED: Assessment of acute psychiatric crises to determine disposition to the appropriate level of care. 3) MHC: Psychiatric evaluations for the purpose of linking patients to mental health care.

Madden Mental Health Center

- Setting: State hospital next to Loyola University Medical Center. Part of a state-wide network of care provided by private and public mental health services.
 - Population: Adults, young adults, and seniors with severe mental illness.
 - Conditions treated: A wide range of psychiatric conditions, including psychotic disorders, mood disorders, developmental delay, autism spectrum, and intellectual disability
- Service goals / details: Acute stabilization of psychiatric crises and fostering long-term engagement with rehabilitative services and/or outpatient treatment. Involves short term, intermediate term, and long-term patient care, as well as specialized services for patients diagnosed with mental illness and intellectual disability.

MacNeal Inpatient

- Setting: Psychiatric inpatient hospitalization. There are 5 inpatient units, each specializing in a different patient population.

- Population: Adults with psychiatric and substance use disorders. Seniors with geriatric mental health concerns.
- Conditions treated: A wide range of psychiatric conditions, including psychotic disorders, mood disorders, developmental delay, autism spectrum, and intellectual disability
- Service goals / details: Acute stabilization of psychiatric crises, therapy (individual, group, and family), and comprehensive case management.

Loyola Consult-Liaison Service

- Setting: Hospital-based psychiatric consultation service
- Population: Adult, adolescents, and children who are medically hospitalized at Loyola
- Conditions treated: Delirium (acute confusion often due to infection, medications, or metabolic disturbances), agitation, capacity determinations to make medical decisions, psychological reactions to medical illness, catatonia, suicide risk assessment, the need for psychiatric hospitalization post-discharge, and a wide range of psychiatric conditions.
- Service goals / details: Work closely with physicians from various specialties, respond to their consult questions, assist with comprehensive evaluation of medically hospitalized patients, and provide treatment recommendations. The service receives over 1800 new consults per year.

Loyola Outpatient

- Setting: Outpatient clinic
- Population: Adults, children, and adolescents
- Conditions treated: A wide range of psychiatric disorders: major depression, bipolar disorder, psychotic disorders, generalized anxiety, OCD, panic, trauma, ADHD, behavioral problems associated with autism spectrum, neurocognitive disorders.
- Service goals / details: Stabilize psychiatric illness in the outpatient setting and maintain stability using (primarily) medication management. Other services offered: transcranial magnetic stimulation, dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) skills group, individual therapy, group therapy, and neuropsychological evaluation. Opportunities to observe stellate ganglion block at Hines VA might also be available.