

## Addiction Psychiatry Elective

### PSC 608

**Prerequisite:** Fourth year medical students who have successfully completed their basic Psychiatry clerkship.

**Objectives:**

- Increase ability to assess, diagnose and stage addiction disorders.
- Learn the array of available psychosocial treatments, including group therapy, behavior modification, family therapy, individual psychotherapy and spiritual 12-step approaches.
- Become familiar with the latest pharmacotherapies for detoxification and maintenance of sobriety, as well as ineffective or dangerous pharmacotherapies.
- Explore the interactions among addiction disorders and other medical and psychiatric disorders.
- Visit and/or learn about the array of available treatment settings.

Students work directly with family physicians trained in addiction medicine. The student will participate in a broad range of patient care activities, from detox through long-term recovery. Treatment sites include general hospital units for consultation and detox care and a residential/outpatient treatment unit. The student will gain an appreciation of the pervasive impact of addictions on the individual, the family, medical care and society at large.