

Dear Student,

On behalf of Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital I welcome you to your Psychiatry Clerkship rotation. I am excited that your department has chosen NWGRH hospital as one of their teaching sites and I am optimistic that you will have an enriching and good learning experience.

NWGRH is an acute and chronic care facility with 293 total beds divided between development services, extended care and acute care units, along with long term adolescent services and a forensic care unit.

Students will need to report to the Clinical Director's Office the first day of rotation for orientation. During orientation, the rotation schedule and lecture schedule will be handed to you. Goals and objectives of your rotation will be reviewed on the first day of your rotation. You will be assigned to different units during the course of the rotation, to see patients under the supervision of the attending psychiatrist. You are expected to write progress notes and discuss the assigned patients with the respective attending psychiatrist.

Our day will start at 8:00 am and ends at 4:30 pm. During lunchtime there will be a case conference once a week, along with lunch. There is also a grand rounds presentation once a month. You will also be assigned some study time. You can bring the reading material as assigned by the Department of Psychiatry at MCG; however, I have several textbooks, journals, and teaching materials including a CD- ROM that will be available for you if needed. There will be at least five board certified psychiatrists and one internist who will be involved in the teaching program.

I will be meeting with you at the beginning of the rotation for orientation followed by feedback in the middle of rotation and a formal evaluation at the end of the rotation. The evaluations will be based on guidelines of the Department of Psychiatry at MCG. If there are any questions, concerns or suggestions feel free to call me or Teresa Edenfield (clerkship site coordinator) at 706-295-6285.

Sincerely,

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