**Overall Educational Goal of Elective:**
The Junior Resident in Psychiatry Elective will take place at CL Services at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. The elective focuses on the psychiatric care of hospitalized medical, surgical, and obstetric/gynecological patients who have co-occurring psychiatric illnesses. The student will gain experience in the differential diagnosis as well as treatment of these patients. He/she should display competence expected of a first-year psychiatry resident in diagnosing and treating common psychiatric problems seen in a medical population.

**Objectives**

I. Patient care – Students will be involved in direct patient care, with responsibilities comparable to those expected from a resident in Psychiatry.

II. Medical knowledge – Students are expected to display their medical knowledge pertaining to conducting a history and mental status examination, formulating a DSM-IV differential diagnosis, developing a treatment plan, and prescribing psychopharmacology.

III. Practice-based learning and improvement - Students are expected to review the clinical literature throughout the rotation and incorporate concepts into their clinical experience.

IV. Interpersonal and communication skills – Students will develop interpersonal and communication skills germane to working as a consultation team, families of patients, as well as with different hospital teams.

V. Professionalism – Students will be expected to demonstrate appropriate professional demeanor, ethics and respect for patients’ confidentiality.

VI. Systems-based Practice – Students will work with outside institutions pertaining to the continuity of care of the patients they follow. This will include involuntary hospitalizations and court proceedings pertaining to guardianship.
**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES**
The student would report directly to Anthony Tobia, MD, Oliver Sostre, MD and Gladys Tiu, MD. The student will be assigned two to three patients to follow and would round every day with the attending physician and resident. The student will be responsible for the initial evaluation for the patients admitted under his/her care. The student would then review his/her findings, impressions and orders with the attending physician. He/she will also be responsible for coordinating the C/L team including clerks and visiting medical students.

**METHOD OF STUDENT EVALUATION**
Via elective evaluation form

**ARE THERE ANY PREREQUISITES FOR THIS ELECTIVE?** Yes, Student must have completed Psychiatry Clerkship.

**IS THIS ELECTIVE AVAILABLE TO THIRD YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS AS WELL?** No