OVERALL EDUCATIONAL GOAL OF ELECTIVE
To provide students with training in electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)

OBJECTIVES

Patient care
- Display proficiency in technical aspects of the ECT procedure, including decisions regarding stimulus dosing and electrode placement.
- Perform routine cognitive assessments of patients receiving ECT.

Medical knowledge
- Demonstrate knowledge about ECT; familiarize him/herself with current ECT literature and its application of this knowledge to patient care.

Practice-based learning and improvement
- Engage in self-evaluation regarding their academic & clinical performance and recognize how the application of new learning can be used to improve care of patients undergoing ECT.

Interpersonal and communication skills
- Assist in screening of patients referred to ECT by Princeton House inpatient services or the community, while demonstrating interpersonal & communication skills that result in effective information exchange with patients, patients’ families, peers, and other health professions colleagues.

Professionalism
- Provide compassionate, appropriate, and effective care to patients undergoing ECT.
- Demonstrate a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities, adherence to ethical principals & sensitivity to patients undergoing ECT.

Systems-based care
- Function effectively in teams and within a larger organizational structure and liaise with the inpatient treatment teams in regard to the coordination of care of patients undergoing ECT.
**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES**
Students’ experience will predominantly include working on an ECT service from 7:00am – 10:00am on Monday’s, Wednesday’s and Friday’s. Students will continue to follow their ECT patients on those afternoons, as well as on Tuesday’s, thus providing coordinated care across treatment settings. Clinical responsibilities will include performing routine cognitive assessments, with interpretation of the results in context to patients’ treatment plans.

**METHOD OF STUDENT EVALUATION**
Supervision by the preceptor to include successful completion of competencies related to knowledge of ECT, clinical competence, professional conduct, as well as displaying proficiency in performing ECT.

Are there any prerequisites for this elective? Yes, Psychiatry Clerkship

Is this elective available to third year medical students as well? Yes