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Class of 2024's –

Good afternoon! As we prepare for **Rotation 4**, we thought it would be helpful to review important details again.

Always, read the Weekly Wire – this is the best resource for getting up-to-date information.

**SELF-ASSESSMENT VOUCHERS FOR NBME SHELF EXAMS** - A reminder: students can request up to two optional NBME shelf exam vouchers per rotation (not available for Family Med or Outpatient Internal Med). To Request, email [studentcomservices@med.uvm.edu](mailto:studentcomservices@med.uvm.edu). Please allow up to 48 business hours for these requests to be processed.

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT.** Academic support and learner development is available to all Clerkship students, regardless of location. Please email [Dr. Tim Moynihan](#) or schedule a remote [Drop-In Session](#) to discuss an individual support plan. Services include test-taking skills, reader development, optimal study strategy, time management, knowledge retention, shelf-exam tutor referral, and specialized peer tutor consultation (success strategies, Anki, USMLE).

**CLERKSHIP COURSE OBJECTIVES.** In VIC Themes, Course Objectives are listed for each clerkship. At the start of each rotation, please review and click that you have read the objectives (see example of Psychiatry Objective Attestation box).

### Psychiatry Clerkship (Class of 2024)

1. Obtain a comprehensive history from a patient presenting with a psychiatric problem and identify positive and negative findings pertinent to establishing a differential diagnosis and initial treatment plan.
2. Conduct and present a mental status examination.
3. Develop and present an appropriate differential diagnosis, based on history and mental status findings, for a patient presenting with a psychiatric problem
4. Describe appropriate initial treatment plans for patients presenting with a common psychiatric conditions, including major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, substance use disorders, dementia, and delirium.
5. Conduct a suicide risk assessment and violence risk assessment, summarize findings, and comment on potential risk based on those findings.
6. Describe the indications for and potential adverse effects of the major classes of psychotropic medications, including antidepressants, antipsychotics, mood stabilizers, and anxiolytics.
7. Discuss how stigma can affect the evaluation and treatment experiences of patients presenting with psychiatric problems.

I have read the objectives for Psychiatry Clerkship (Class of 2024).

**REQUIRED CLINICAL ENCOUNTERS.** Students are responsible for completing all Required Clinical Encounters by the end of the rotation. If you are struggling to meet the requirements, please check in with your Clerkship Director for assistance.

**CLERKSHIP EVALUATIONS.** Students have two weeks to complete their evaluations at the end of the rotation (LIC students have different dates and will receive a separate communication). We have developed a 3-strike system to track students not completing their required evaluations each rotation:

- **First Missed Evaluation** - Student gets an email notification.
- **Second Missed Evaluation** - Student and their PCR mentor get an email, and they need to have a meeting to discuss fixing the issue.
- **Third Missed Evaluation** - Student and the PCR mentor get an email and the case is forwarded to the fitness committee.

**STUDENTS WITH SAS EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS** – At the start of your next rotation, please inform the Clerkship Coordinator if you will use your exam accommodation. As a reminder, all SAS clinical accommodation letters need to first be submitted to the Director of Academic Achievement ([Dr. Tim Moynihan](#)) for implementation planning.

**HOUSING** – If you are rotating at a location that requires housing, please be sure your housing arrangements are in place and you have the proper instructions for checking into your unit/room. Please connect with [Susan Thompson](#) if you have any housing related questions. Please also contact Susan if things are not in order when you arrive (missing coffee pots, broken locks, etc.) – If something is not right, please take a picture and send it to Susan so that we can help fix the problem.

### **CLERKSHIP GRADES**

- Clerkship grades are posted to the grade portal ([COMCAT](#)) within 35 days of the end of the rotation.
- Clerkship is Pass/Incomplete/Fail
- CSE is summative
- No honors grades

You can read more about the [Clerkship Grading Policy](#) in the Student Handbook.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. When will I know when my grades are available?
  - a. Good question! Your director or coordinator will email you once the grade is made available in the College of Medicine Clerkship Assessment Tool (COMCAT).

- <https://comis.med.uvm.edu/comcat/>
2. How do I access my summative/formative assessment?
    - a. You can view your summative and formative assessment, along with your shelf score and final grade in COMCAT.
  3. I failed my shelf on my first attempt – will this fail go on my transcript?
    - a. No. You will get an incomplete and will have the chance to retake your exam on a reschedule exam date during a time when you are not enrolled in a course.
  4. Where will I see my Bridge grade?
    - a. Bridge grades will be posted in OASIS 35 days after the end of the course.
  5. What is the Alpha Omega Alpha selection process?
    - a. The Larner College of Medicine is honored to host an [Alpha Omega Alpha \(AOA\) Honor Medical Society](#) chapter. Comprehensive selection criteria and the selection process are available on our [Larner AOA webpage](#).

Have more questions? We welcome you to reach out to us!

**Deans for Students Drop-In Sessions:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f49a8a62fa31-associate1>

**Director of Academic Achievement Drop-in Sessions:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f49a8a62fa31-director3>

Thanks!

[The Clerkship Team](#)