FAMILY MEDICINE

M-ID 752 ADDICTION MEDICINE 4 Credit Hours

SELECTIVE
Students will spend this Selective month on the Substance Use Disorders Program (SUDP) at the Omaha VA Hospital. Under the supervision of Dr. Dewan, students will participate in the evaluation, assessment and treatment of chemically dependent patients. Students will also be required to complete assigned readings, including literature on basic science issues related to chemical dependency. Objectives: 1. Students will become skilled in taking substance abuse histories. 2. Students will identify physical and psychiatric consequences of substance abuse. 3. Students will achieve familiarity with the classes of drugs of abuse and their use. 4. Students will be conversant with DSM-V criteria for the diagnosis of substance abuse and dependence. 5. Students will become knowledgeable of detoxification methods used to treat physical withdrawal. 6. Students will participate in both inpatient and outpatient therapeutic interventions including group therapy, individual counseling, 12-step groups (e.g., A.A.). 7. Students will explore basic science topics relevant to an understanding of the etiology, natural history, and treatment of substance abuse (e.g., neurobiology, pharmacology, genetics). Performance Objectives: 1. Skillful completion of history and physical exams on patients admitted to SUDP. 2. Appropriately diagnose and develop treatment plans for patients based on HP and DSM-V criteria. 3. Daily follow-up of patients as they progress through detoxification and treatment, with an emphasis on identifying denial, minimization, craving and other symptoms. 4. Accurate evaluation of patients’ status in recovery and recognition of the need for changes in treatment modalities. 5. Students will be expected to review one topic related to addictions and present topic in a conference to patients and/or staff. 6. Students are expected to attend some evening outpatient groups and/or 12-step meetings.

Contact: Vijay Dewan, M.D. (VA Medical Center).
Typically Offered: Every month.
Capacity: 2

Visiting Student Information: This course is NOT available to visiting students.