**Overall Educational Goal of Elective**
To give an intensive, individually programmed clinical experience in child and adolescent psychiatry, and to demonstrate that the case material is highly relevant for family practice, pediatrics, and adolescent medicine.

**Objectives**

I. Patient care – Students will be involved in direct patient care of children and adolescents with psychiatric and cognitive disturbances.

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 in the child/adolescent population.

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 with families of children and adolescents with mental illness.

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 correspondence with behavioral therapists and the school system.

**Brief Description of Activities**
Students will be supervised in the work-up and presentation of cases and in the daily care of his/her patients. The student will receive training in the adolescent inpatient units, the pre-school day program, pediatric consultation-liaison service, outpatient units and the sexual abuse clinic.
METHOD OF STUDENT EVALUATION
The faculty supervisor will evaluate the student’s theoretical knowledge, clinical competence and professional conduct on the basis of their performance during the clinical elective.

ARE THERE ANY PREREQUISITES FOR THIS ELECTIVE? No

IS THIS ELECTIVE AVAILABLE TO THIRD YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS AS WELL? Yes