

AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty: Psychiatry, Consult Liason

Medical School / Hospital: University of Pennsylvania

Month/Year of Rotation: August, 4th year

How would you rate your overall experience? (check one)

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

How many hours/week were you on duty? 50

How many hours/week did you spend with interns? 10

Residents? 40

Fellows? 0

Attendings? 30

Did you meet/work with the Residency Program Director? The Dept Chair?

If so, any tips?

I met the Residency director during didactics. He's great, but doesn't work inpatient.

What were your daily duties?

You are expected to go to morning teaching rounds (mostly didactics) and then seated rounds to run the list. Then you either do follow-up rounds or start seeing new consults. You write up most of the consult by yourself and then you staff it either the resident or directly with the attending – lots of presenting. You can attend intern and second year lectures during lunch, but that's optional. If the service is very slow, you may see a limited number of patients in the Psych Emergency room. You get lunch two or three times a week.

Did this rotation (check one):

Create new interest in the specialty

Reinforce existing interest

Decrease interest

Have no effect

Any tips on how to get the most out of this rotation? Did this rotation help you get a letter of recommendation? Or an interview?

The expectations are clear. You get an Excellent for showing up and working hard. If you want Honors or a letter, you give three short presentations during seated rounds. There is a lot of teaching, which made me much more confident on future rotations. It's a great place to learn, even if you are not interested in going to Penn. But I would say it is almost a must if you do want to consider matching at the program. It's not far away and you'll get a really good feel for if you like the personalities.

Any Warnings or Things Not To Do:

Don't expect to get out early. Work hard while you are there and do minimal reading at home and you can look like a superstar.

Is housing provided for students? If not, where did you stay? No – not for locals or visiting students.

Is parking provided? No – the bus is the best way from Jeff. You can also take the regional rails (R1, R2, or R3). Be sure to get discount tokens or tickets at the bookstore.

Who did you contact to set up the rotation?

The information is all online and visiting applications go through the registrar. You MUST submit an application this way. However, once you have all your stuff in, the registrar is very un-helpful. If you get denied and then a spot opens up, they don't contact you. If there is a space in a block you didn't request, they won't tell you. I suggest calling the psych department and speaking to someone in their department of education. Dr. B Dubae ([Medical Student Education 215 746-7212](#)) is amazing and helped me fix the mess the registrar put me in.

Would you recommend this rotation for future JMC 4th years?

YES, especially if you are considering applying at Penn OR if you can't decide between Psych and a more medical specialty.

Please add any other comments (strengths, weaknesses of the program):

THANK YOU!

(Optional)

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