Title of Elective: Child Advocacy Pre-Clinical Elective

Elective Type: Preclinical (Years 1 & 2) Elective

Department: Psychiatry

Elective Site: Kobacker Center, UT Health Science Campus

Course Number: SOMN 714

Semester available: Fall through Spring

Number of students: 10-15

Faculty: Michele Knox, Ph.D., Theodor Rais, M.D., Tanvir Singh, M.D., Kimberly Hunter, Ph.D.

Elective Description/Requirements:
First-year students will have the opportunity to learn about child maltreatment and its consequences, as well as professional responses to child maltreatment through a semi-structured program at UTMC Kobacker Center. All students will receive an orientation at the beginning of the elective and will meet with faculty every other month thereafter to discuss a variety of topics concerning child advocacy. On alternating months with this schedule, students will meet for informal, small group mentoring sessions with their assigned faculty mentor. Faculty will provide formative feedback mid-way through the elective and at the conclusion of all elective requirements.

The total time commitment for each student is as follows:
- Two-hour meeting every other month, during which faculty and related professionals will present relevant topics, view documentaries, and facilitate discussion (Total of 8 hours)
- One to two hours in small group discussion with faculty and/or related professionals on alternating months with above (Total of 4-8 hours)
- Observation of one patient on the Kobacker inpatient unit with focus on the impact of adverse events on children and youths; initiate discussion about the case at small-group meetings (Total of 6-9 hours)
- Each student will study one de-identified patient case involving suspected child maltreatment and develop and submit a (3 page) paper or 20 minute presentation about the case (Total of approximately 8 hours)

Length of Elective: 9 months

Links to EPOs
- K11, K14, K15, S1, S2, P1, P2, P3, P4, P6

Educational Course Objectives:
1. Discuss the cycle of family violence commonly experienced in contexts of maltreatment
2. Understand the development of psychopathology in the child related to maltreatment
3. Describe interdisciplinary programs for families to prevent or respond to maltreatment
4. Describe long-term consequences of maltreatment commonly experienced by adolescent and adult survivors
5. Explain the role of professionals working with families in addressing social justice issues in promoting change that will result in fewer incidents of child maltreatment.

Professionalism:

Instructional Methods:
- Clinical case presentations/discussions
- Lecture
- Lecture /media
- Small group discussion

Evaluation methods employed:
- Attendance
- Reflective paper
- Formative feedback

Prerequisites: None
Elective Director: Michele Knox, Ph.D.

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Special Requirements:

AAMC Hot Topics
Addressed in this
Elective Clerkship:
(please make selection from attached Hot Topic list)