Guidelines for Senior Year for Students Interested in Pursuing a Career in Psychiatry

Sub-Internship
A general medicine sub-internship at one of the core hospitals

Intensive Care
Coronary Care Unit or Critical Care Medicine

Electives
Schedule only 1-2 electives in psychiatry at most, choosing electives different from one’s clerkship experience and more to firm up the decision to pursue psychiatry as a career.

Choose electives in order to broaden one’s general medical knowledge and experience, such as Outpatient Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, or Family Medicine. Other useful electives are an elective of Neurology, Neurology’s Special Elective or Clinical Clerkship, Neuroradiology and/or Endocrinology, or Pediatrics’ Applying the Medical Humanities to Clinical Medicine. Electives related to pain or addiction would also be useful.

Psychiatry Research (those interested in this elective should contact Dr. Chandra Sripada (sripada@umich.edu) to set up the elective before being registered).

Also consider electives in experiences that you expect to see less of as you pursue your formal training. If there are further questions about recommendations or specific courses in psychiatry, please e-mail Dr. Deepika Sastry at Deepika.Sastry@va.gov or deepikas@med.umich.edu

Interviewing
Interview season goes from October through the end of January. In general, programs are looking for finalized score reports on Step 2 prior to the rank list. Please consider this information when scheduling your exams.