

# Education in Psychiatry

## Postgraduate Education

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The Division of Postgraduate Education's primary mission is directing the Adult Psychiatry Residency Training Program. It also sponsors a variety of fellowship programs for both M.D. and Ph.D. graduates, and Division-wide educational activities such as Grand Rounds.

Nationally defined resident competencies have been integrated into goals and evaluations. The residency directors have also played a major role nationally in addressing these requirements. A new program for residents to videotape the psychotherapy they conduct has been implemented. Videotaped sessions are now another method available for supervision and for assessment of competencies.

PI residents have continued to perform in an outstanding fashion nationally. On the PRITE exam, an annual national written exam in psychiatry, the resident classes performed in the top percentiles.

A new addition to the curriculum is the telepsychiatry seminar provided for PGY-4 residents. Each resident has the opportunity to participate in a supervised telepsychiatry consultation for a patient at a rural mental health clinic, mental health unit at a forensic or correctional facility, or an upstate OMH in-patient facility.

The Division's fellowships include the Public Psychiatry Fellowship, which continues to attract outstanding Fellows as the premier Fellowship of its type in the country, and nine research training fellowships, which provide the major pathway for the development of our research faculty.

## Medical Student Education

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The Division of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry at the New York State Psychiatric Institute is responsible for approximately 500 medical students in four affiliated hospitals including New York State Psychiatric Institute, Creedmoor Psychiatric Center, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center. We have a psychiatry curriculum at the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons that extends throughout the four years of medical school.

As one of the largest teaching departments of psychiatry in the world, we are able to offer teaching programs to all medical school departments with a wide range and considerable depth.

Psychiatry courses were updated in 2005 to include exciting new research in psychiatry and allied fields. They were coordinated with the teaching in the general curriculum, as it has evolved. We were able to expand and consolidate the teaching of empathy and humanism in the clinical practice sequence of 3rd year clerkships in pediatrics, medicine,

and ob/gyn as well as psychiatry. Human relationship skills and empathic capacity are now taught as integral to the medical practice in all specialties.