**VA CONTINUITY**

- Ambulatory Medicine – 4 weeks
- Inpatient Medicine - 4 of the 8 weeks
- Neurology – 4 weeks
- Psychiatry – 4 weeks

The VA Continuity provides a 16-week continuity experience with 4 weeks of **Inpatient Medicine** (the other 4 weeks are assigned at Cedars-Sinai), 5 weeks of **Psychiatry**, and 3 weeks of **Neurology** at West LA Medical Center and 4 weeks of **Ambulatory Medicine** at West LA VA Medical Center or Sepulveda VA Medical Center. The VA is the largest integrated health care system in the United States and students will have an outstanding experience of providing clinical care within a fully integrated inpatient and outpatient system, linked by an electronic medical record in place for over 15 years. Patients are all part of a primary care patient-centered medical home. Students, under close supervision, will be encouraged to take primary responsibility for the evaluation and care of patients. Students will be assigned to a Clinician Educator Coach, 2 students per group, and will meet together approximately once weekly. These sessions will be an opportunity to discuss interesting cases, review physical exam findings, and strengthen basic skills in history taking, physical exam, and differential diagnosis.

These sessions will also facilitate achieving continuity with patients across the various VA care settings for the duration of the experience.

The sophisticated electronic medical record affords opportunities for students to track their patients across rotations, and varied specialty and clinical sites using the latest virtual and telephone care technology.

We will host five dinner seminars; both to track your progress in the continuity experience, and to enrich your education through discussion in an interactive seminar format on topics of transitions of care, medical ethics, integrating primary care and mental health, integrated women's health, and special issues caring for the Veteran patient.

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