

Common Course Outline
PAST 216
Psychosocial Issues in Medicine II
2 Credits

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Psychosocial Issues in Medicine II

Covers psychological process underlying human behavior and psychiatric disorders. Emphasizes psychiatric principles in primary care; examines concepts in the diagnosis and treatment of the major classes of psychiatric disorders, psychiatric emergencies in primary care, special issues in geriatric mental health, and prevention, recognition and intervention of child abuse and sexual assault.

Overall Course Objectives

At the conclusion of the course the student will be able to:

- A. Diagnose primary psychiatric disorders utilizing the diagnostic criteria of the APA DSM-IV
- B. Identify and assess patients with psychiatric disorders/behavioral emergencies commonly seen in primary care.
 - 1. suicidal patients
 - 2. chemical dependent
 - 3. eating disorder
 - 4. organic disorders (dementia/delirium)
- C. Identify and define the etiologies of specific psychiatric disorders commonly seen in primary care:
 - 1. psychoanalytic
 - 2. cognitive
 - 3. biological
 - 4. socio-cultural
- D. Identify and define indications, contraindications, side-effects, and adverse reactions of psychotropic medications.
- E. Identify and define the factors contributing to abuse in patients:
 - 1. child maltreatment and neglect
 - 2. child sexual abuse
 - 3. battering of women/domestic violence
 - 4. elder abuse
- F. Identify diagnostic criteria and reporting procedures of abuse in patients:
 - 1. child maltreatment and neglect
 - 2. child sexual abuse
 - 3. battering of women/domestic violence
 - 4. elder abuse
- G. Conduct a mental status examination to establish presence of psychiatric emergency.
- H. Conduct a suicide assessment to determine imminence of suicide risk in patient.
- I. Identify and define procedures for requesting a psychiatric consultation and a psychiatric referral.
- J. Identify and define criteria for involuntary and voluntary commitment of patients to psychiatric facilities.

- K. Identify criteria for determination of competency and criminal responsibility of behavior in patients.

Major Topics

- A. Psychiatric Assessment
- B. Organic Disorders
- C. Affective Disorders
- D. Somatoform and Factitious Disorders
- E. Substance Abuse Disorders
- F. Eating Disorders
- G. Psychiatric Emergencies
- H. Child Abuse
- I. Sexual Assault
- J. Geriatric Mental Health Issues

Course Requirements

Methods of Evaluation:

- A. Written Examination
- B. Case Presentation

Other Course Information

Methods of Instruction:

- A. Lecture