

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

- Course:** PBS 482 Trans-Cultural & Community Psychiatry
- Director:** Daniel R. Wilson, M.D., Ph.D.
- Location:** Hilo Health System, Hilo, Hawaii
Contact person: Jason Worschel, M.D.,
Staff Psychiatrist, Hilo Health System and
Associate Professor of Psychiatry (Adjunct), Creighton University
- Length of Course:** Two weeks or Four weeks
- Maximum Number of Students:** One – three students (by arrangement)

Course Description:

This community-based experiential course provides M-4 students with practical knowledge and experience in a community health system dedicated to psychiatric care for a transcultural population in Hilo, Hawaii. Students will develop skills in assessment, interviewing, and treatment of a highly diverse and under-served population; they will also better appreciate the role of psychiatrists in this unique community. The course provides practical experience in both in-patient and ambulatory sites, instruction in the assessment of major psychiatric syndromes and broader social issues in community and transcultural care.

Course Objectives: By the end of this course, the M-4 student will be able

1. To develop communication and examination skills used in the assessment of patients in this community care system;
2. To increase awareness of the psychiatrist's role and responsibilities of transcultural populations.
3. To increase understanding of the ethical issues and questions raised for the physician in assessing, treating, and counseling patients in this unique setting.
4. To become familiar with the specific aspects of culturally competent care.

Instructional Methods:

Practical experience at several community sites; reading and discussion; attendance in rounds and clinics, community meetings, court and other relevant proceedings.

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance in all course activities.
2. Learning journal commentary and discussion.
3. Two discussion meetings with Dr. Worschel.

Evaluation Methods: Written performance evaluation by Dr. Worschel.

Schedule: To be arranged with Dr. Worschel.