A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING

St. Patrick Hospital offers acute inpatient treatment for individuals with a primary psychiatric diagnosis. Adolescents and adults receive treatment under the direction of a psychiatrist provided by Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Addiction Counselors, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Pharmacists, Dieticians and other healthcare professionals. Treatment is short-term and directed towards evaluation, stabilization of symptoms and referral to outpatient services as needed.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP

The Neurobehavioral Unit offers treatment for individuals with a primary psychiatric diagnosis. There are two units: adolescents aging from 12-18 and adults aging from 18 through adulthood.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

You will have an opportunity to work with individuals that are experiencing a mental health crisis. You will learn how to complete a psychosocial evaluation, facilitate individual, family and group therapy, coordinate discharge planning and participate in the hospital treatment team as well as coordination with outside agencies.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

-Students are expected to have general knowledge of psychiatric illnesses, family systems and group dynamics.
-Students are expected to have knowledge of group facilitation, case management skills and appropriate interventions for individuals in crisis.
-Students are expected to have a desire to learn and develop clinical skills.
-Students are expected to employ a team approach to treatment.
-Students are expected to arrive to the site on-time.
-Students are expected to follow the St. Patrick Hospital dress code and conduct themselves in a professional manner.