Psychiatrists need to have a strong foundation in a wide variety of medical conditions. Students pursuing a career in psychiatry should focus on electives and selectives that give the student responsibility for diagnosis and management of diverse patients. Choosing electives/selectives that remedy any self-identified knowledge gaps is recommended.

**Suggested Selectives/Sub-Internships:**

- FMED 4020 – Family Medicine Preceptorship (Ambulatory)
- MEDI 4046 – General Medicine Ward (Inpatient)
- PSYC 4001 – Clinical Psychiatry (Inpatient)
- PSYC 4020 – Consultation-Liaison (Ambulatory)
- PSYC 4023 – Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (Ambulatory)

**Suggested Electives:**

- CSAT 4017 – Advanced Neuroanatomy
- MEDI 4077 – EKG Interpretation
- NEUR 4029 – Neurology Consultation Service
- Any elective in the following departments:
  - Internal Medicine and subspecialties
  - Neurology
  - Pediatrics
  - Psychiatry

**Away Rotations:**

They are not required. It may be useful to seek an away rotation if you have an interest in a certain program or location.

**USMLE Step 2 CK/CS:**

It is generally a good idea to have completed both Step 2 CK/CS prior to the interview season beginning. Interviews are typically held from November through January. Taking Step 2 CK early (before Sept. 1st) will ensure your score is available when ERAS opens.

For further information visit the [American Psychiatric Association: Choosing a Career in Psychiatry](#)

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