

My psychiatric rotation at QHC was unlike any other rotation that I had experienced. I really enjoyed my rotation and felt that everyday was exciting with new interesting stories. This differed from previous rotations that at times the patient situations felt very repetitive. During my rotation I worked in CPEP which was the psychiatric emergency room. I was directly involved in talking to patients and getting a history, obtaining collateral, writing notes, seeing consults, helping in decision making regarding patients disposition and mediations. All of the physician assistants, attendings, and the rest of the staff were happy to teach the students. Safety, which I heard could be a concern during some psychiatric rotations was never an issue at QHC. I always felt safe, as there was plenty of staff who escorted students through the CPEP. One component of the rotation that I felt I would change is maybe having half the rotation in the CPEP with the other half of the rotation with the admitted patients. I would like to see how the care for patients differs between the psychiatric emergency department vs the admitted psychiatric floor. Overall I had a great experience in my psychiatric rotation as there was truly never a dull moment.