Course Description
Taken with fieldwork placement, this course integrates understanding of basic psychoanalytic psychopathology, including the vicissitudes of primitive conflicts and defenses, with student experiences of observing patients in mental hospitals or other placement settings. All aspects of the fieldwork placement experience, from administrative procedures to interacting with patients, are discussed in this seminar.

Objectives
The student will be able to:
- develop a working knowledge of modern psychoanalytic theory through:
  a. establishing a rudimentary relationship with three patients in the field work setting; and
  b. observing and describing how each patient speaks (and behaves) to communicate his/her dynamics in the terms of transference and resistance; and
- identify and articulate countertransference responses experienced with each patient.

Method of Evaluation
- Ongoing presentation of cases throughout the three semester course
- Personal logs (written in class)
- Participation in class process
- Fieldwork placement forms, submitted weekly
- Final paper to be submitted by Class 12. Describe the process of establishing a relationship with one of the patients you are observing. Include a description of how the patient speaks and behaves and what it reveals about the patient’s psychodynamics. Describe your reactions to the patient and what you understand about those reactions.

Text

Assigned Readings
Week 1

Week 2
Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8

Week 9

Week 10

Week 11

Week 12