Syllabus
PT 185a Clinical Experience in Institutional Settings
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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 able to:

- develop a working knowledge of modern psychoanalytic theory through:
  - establishing a rudimentary relationship with three patients in the field work setting; and
  - observing and describing how each patient speaks (and behaves) to communicate his/her dynamics in the terms of transference and resistance; and
  - observing and describing the patient’s symbolic and unconscious verbal and nonverbal communications.
- observe and describe his/her reactions to the patient and an understanding of those reactions.

Method of Evaluation
- Ongoing presentation of cases throughout the three semester sequence
- Personal logs (written in class)
- Participation in class process
- Fieldwork placement forms, submitted weekly
- Final paper

Text

Assigned Readings
Class 1

Class 2
Class 3

Class 4

Class 5

Class 6

Class 7

Class 8

Class 9

Class 10

Class 11

Class 12
Additional Recommended Readings: