

## **Charles R. Drew University**

Charles R. Drew University's General Psychiatry Residency program is committed to developing physicians prepared to practice in under-resourced settings. Our educational curriculum and clinical experiences emphasize relationships as the driver of healing—the relationship of the patient to their psychiatrist, to the health system in which healing is expected, to their own psyche and physical selves, to their families, and to their communities at large.

We situate trainees within a sociohistorical framework that addresses the biological, psychological, and social needs of our patients and challenge our trainees to read and be conversant in a wide range of psychiatric, philosophical, and social thought. CDU residents embrace introspection and intellectual curiosity and are advocates for their patients and their profession, the cause of social justice, and the people of South Los Angeles.

Training in LACDMH:

CDU psychiatry boasts a distributed clinical training system with rotation sites located in Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) Service Planning Area 6 (SPA 6). SPA 6 historically includes communities with large groups of people who are medically underserved such as Athens, Compton, Crenshaw, Florence, Hyde Park, Lynwood, Paramount, and Watts.

- LACDMH is the largest public health department in the nation
- The health system treats 250,000 people per year
- The county's budget is approximately \$6 billion
- Benefits of a Distributed Clinical System to Trainees

Our distributed clinical training environment offers the following significant advantages to residents:

- Hands on experience with diverse patient populations
- Exposure to a range of teaching professionals, concepts, and systems
- Ample opportunities for leadership and to create change
- Mentoring from community leaders, practitioners and nationally recognized health equity researchers
- A deep understanding of how best to employ personal goals and interests in the future