

Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry Externship Program at the

Viera VA Outpatient Clinic

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Hours Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, 7am-5pm,
Closed: Sat, Sun, (Externs off Tuesdays)

Holidays All Federal Holidays; New Year's Day,
MLK Day, President's Day, Memorial Day,
Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day,
Columbus Day, Veteran's Day,
Thanksgiving, Christmas

Type of Practice Muti-disciplinary Health Care (OD/MD)
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Additional Information

General Info: The Viera VA Outpatient Clinic externship focuses on primary care optometry with an emphasis in ocular disease. Externs will conduct exams from start to finish to gain practical, real-world clinical experience in an interdisciplinary health care setting. Externs will present to an attending optometrist at the conclusion of each exam.

Location: The Viera VA Clinic is located near Melbourne, Florida, approximately 45 minutes east of Orlando. The Viera VA is part of the Orlando VA Health Care System.

Clinic Setting: Externs will work in fully equipped exam lanes including automatic lensometers and electronic eye charts. The clinic also features all necessary ancillary testing equipment including Cirrus HD-OCT, fundus camera, Humphery Visual Field Analyzer, Pentacam corneal topographer, B-scan ultrasound, various Tonometers (Goldmann, non-contact tonometer, Tonopen, and iCare), autorefractor/kertatometer, and Pachmate pachymeters. Exam notes will be documented in our electronic medical record system, which provides access to each patient's comprehensive medical history, further

improving the quality of care. Staff optometrists work collaboratively with our on-site staff ophthalmologist.

Didactic activities: Externs will participate in weekly, 1-hour meetings which will include lectures, grand rounds, and journal review. Additional topical assignments may be provided by the Externship Coordinator to supplement the extern's clinical experience.

Materials: Externs are not required to bring any equipment to the rotation. All necessary equipment will be provided. Externs may wear appropriate clinical attire (business casual) or surgical scrubs and a white lab coat. Externs are encouraged to bring a clinical manual of their choice (Will's Eye, Mass Eye & Ear, etc.), but a manual is not required.

Other: Due to homeland security, fingerprints must now be done **at least 60 days** prior to the clinic start date. This can be arranged at all VA facilities nationwide. Housing is not provided at this time.