

**BRAVERMAN EYE CENTER**  
**RESIDENCY IN OCULAR DISEASE**

***DATE ESTABLISHED:*** 1992

***ACCREDITATION STATUS:*** ACOE accredited

***INSTITUTION AFFILIATION:*** Nova Southeastern University

***LENGTH OF PROGRAM:*** 12.5 months beginning June 15 and ending June 30 of the following year.

***NUMBER OF POSITIONS:*** One (1)

***PROGRAM DIRECTOR:*** Ryan Hargreaves, O.D.  
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***LOCATION:***

Hallandale, FL. (Between Ft. Lauderdale and Miami). Opportunities for observation of surgical procedures will be available at several area facilities.

***MISSION STATEMENT:***

The Braverman Eye Center Residency in Ocular Disease will attempt to attract the top academic and clinical optometric graduates. The residency program will then provide the residents with a large, diverse patient base, most with multiple ocular disease conditions; then, through direct patient care, multiple specialty ophthalmology rotations and ongoing didactic education, the Braverman Eye Center will actively seek to prepare a resident fit to practice at the highest level of clinical competency within any mode of future practice, as well as encourage the resident to become an active member of organized optometry and its future role in the evolution of the optometric profession.

***PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:***

The Braverman Eye Center is a multidisciplinary practice comprised of 7 ophthalmologists, 1 optometrist, 1 licensed optician, 5 ophthalmic assistants and technicians, 1 certified ophthalmic technologist, and 8 administrative personnel.

Our facility covers approximately 6000 square feet of space and includes administrative offices, an optical, a pre-testing area, 10 examination lanes including one minor surgical suite, one refractive surgical suite equipped with an excimer laser, and 5 rooms for ancillary diagnostic testing, fluorescein

angiography and on-site argon laser treatment. We also have an autokeratometer, autolensometer, autorefractor, anterior and posterior segment cameras, corneal topographer, wavefront aberrometer, an OCT, an A and B-scan ultrasound, and a corneal endothelial cell analyzer. We provide comprehensive optometric and ophthalmologic services including emergency eye care, to an average of 1500 to 1800 patients a month. Our patient population is approximately 80% geriatric, primarily English-speaking.

**Center strengths** include extensive experience in ocular disease and pathology, pre and postoperative care of refractive surgeries including LASIK and PRK, cataract surgery, corneal procedures, glaucoma surgery, oculoplastic surgery, and vitreoretinal surgery. Residents will participate to the full extent of therapeutic law in Florida in ocular disease comanagement, foreign body removal, glaucoma treatment and punctal occlusion, as well as provide general primary care optometric services. Residents will also be exposed to business and practice management, organized optometry, and cultural, social and political factors involved in providing health care to diversified delivery systems including managed care.

**Teaching responsibilities** involve preceptorship and coordination of 3-7 fourth year optometric externs each quarter, on rotation from four different optometry colleges. The Resident will also attend and participate in weekly Grand Rounds presentations.

**Research responsibilities** require one paper suitable for publication in a refereed journal. Additional research and presentation at local and national conventions is encouraged.

**Additional Clinic Responsibilities** require that the resident be available for on-call duties Mon 9 AM to Fri 5 PM and infrequently on weekends. The resident will receive a pager and can expect to receive 1-2 calls per month.

**Observational Opportunities** Residents will have the opportunity to follow and observe a number of ophthalmology sub-specialists as they provide tertiary patient care, including surgical care, to this pathology based patient population.

***OFFICE HOURS:***

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Wednesday and Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The resident will be responsible for after hours emergency call Monday – Friday throughout the year.

***PHYSICIANS ON STAFF:***

**Stanley Braverman, M.D., F.A.C.S.** --Cataract Surgery, Corneal and Refractive Surgery, Glaucoma surgery. Adjunct professor at the University of Miami's

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry.

**Eric Ciliberti, M.D.** – Neuro-Ophthalmology

**Matthew Kay, M.D.** -- Neuro-Ophthalmology

**Alane Lane, M.D., F.A.C.S.** – General Ophthalmology

**Tirso Lara, M.D., F.A.C.S.** – Vitreous and Retina

**Jesse Pelletier, M.D., F.A.C.S.** – Anterior Segment and Cornea

**Kevin Stewart, M.D., F.A.C.S.** – Glaucoma

**Rashid Taher, M.D., F.A.C.S.** – Vitreous and Retina

**David Tenzel, M.D., F.A.C.S.** -- Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive surgery

**Ryan Hargreaves, O.D.** – Board-Certified Optometric Physician. Residency-trained in ocular disease. Board member of the Broward County Optometric Association. Adjunct Professor at New England College of Optometry, University of Houston and Nova Southeastern University Colleges of Optometry.

***RESIDENT STIPENDS AND BENEFITS:***

- 1) The resident will be paid a stipend of \$27,000 per year.
- 2) The resident will be provided with health benefits.
- 3) The resident will be provided with professional liability insurance.
- 4) The resident will receive paid holidays
- 5) The resident will receive 5 vacation days
- 6) The resident will receive a stipend of up to \$500 for expenses related to CE attendance

***ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY***

1. All candidates will be evaluated and chosen in a fair and impartial manner.
2. All candidates must have attained a Doctor of Optometry degree from a school or college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric

Education prior to matriculation.

3. All candidates are required to submit the following application materials to the Director of Residency Programs by *February 1st* of the preceding residency year:
  - a. Letter of intent
  - b. Current curriculum vitae (CV)
  - c. Official transcripts from optometry school and any other post-graduate educational program
  - d. NSU Residency Application Form (available on-line)
  - e. Three (3) letters of recommendation
4. A passing score from Part I of the NBEO is required to be interviewed; Part II and TMOD scores shall be submitted as soon as they are available. Candidates must pass both Part II and TMOD by the ORMS match date in order to be ranked in ORMS by March of the preceding residency year. Candidates that do not pass Part II or TMOD, but have completed their application, will not be ranked but may be considered for any remaining unfilled positions once Part I, II and TMOD have been successfully completed.
5. At least three (3) letters of recommendation are required, two of which must be from individuals who are familiar with the candidate's clinical skills.
6. Every candidate who applies must also register with the Optometry Residency Matching Service (ORMS), unless the candidate is applying for an UNFILLED position AFTER the official match date for a given year.
7. Every candidate will be required to demonstrate adequate clinical and didactic knowledge through any of the following means:
  - a. Clinical faculty recommendations
  - b. Demonstrated self-study or research
  - c. Active involvement in student scholarly groups
  - d. Outside employment
  - e. Clinical questions on interview
8. Every candidate *must* be *personally* interviewed by the Program Coordinator. Additional faculty may participate in the interview.
9. Every candidate will be evaluated and rated by members of the Interview Committee, based upon the interview and the candidates' submitted materials, in the areas of:
  - a. Didactic and clinical knowledge
  - b. Interpersonal skills
  - c. Integrity
  - d. Adaptability
  - e. Motivation
  - f. Maturity

g. Patient management skills

10. Based on ratings of the Interview Committee members, the Coordinator will select and rank the most qualified applicant(s). The names of those candidates who are found to be acceptable will be submitted to the administrators at the Optometry Residency Matching Service (ORMS), according to their policies and deadlines. Candidates who match via ORMS will be notified of this decision in a timely fashion via e-mail through ORMS.

### ***REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION***

In order to satisfactorily complete the Primary Care Residency and obtain a *Certificate of Completion*, the resident must achieve each of the following:

1. Receive overall satisfactory evaluations from the Residency Supervisor(s) and Program Coordinator.
2. Complete a paper or manuscript of publishable quality.
3. Attend and actively participate in all assigned resident conferences, unless excused by the Coordinator.
4. Attend all scheduled clinical assignments, unless excused by program Coordinator.
5. Complete all patient, didactic and scholarship logs in a timely manner and submit to Program Coordinator when requested.