

CLAYTON EYE CENTER

OPTOMETRIC RESIDENCY IN PRIMARY CARE WITH EMPHASIS IN OCULAR DISEASE

In affiliation with

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INTRODUCTION

The Optometric Residency in Primary Care Optometry is sponsored by Nova Southeastern University, College of Optometry. Clayton Eye Center was established in 1974 by Robert W. Lennon, M.D. and Kirk L. Smick, O.D. Clayton Eye Center offers an environment in which each resident will experience a wide diversity in ocular disease through direct patient care in primary and secondary care clinics. The resident examines patients at least 3 days per week in their own primary care clinic where they will assist in the supervision of fourth year optometric externs and will make the final disposition on all their patients. The Resident will practice full-scope optometry and are granted full therapeutic privileges after they have passed the Georgia State board examination, and completed a credentialing process.

Each resident will see patients in the ophthalmology subspecialty clinics which may include external disease, retina/vitreous, and glaucoma. The resident will perform complete examinations on patients of all ages. In the specialty clinics this information is provided to the attending physician. The resident will maintain a patient log sheet describing the type and extent to which the resident was involved in seeing the patient. The resident will experience further academic growth by attending lectures and utilizing library facilities, in addition to learning on-the-job from other members of the eye care team. The resident will give formal presentations to the externs in addition to writing a paper worthy of publication in an optometric journal. The resident will be encouraged to submit posters and lectures to educational meetings.

MISSION STATEMENT

The residency in primary care seeks to attract the premier optometric graduates into an enriched ophthalmic private practice setting conducive to the advancement of optometric education and clinical expertise. This is accomplished by providing the optometric resident the opportunity to experience a wide diversity of ocular disease through observation and direct patient care in primary, secondary, and tertiary care experiences which is further complimented through self learning, didactic education and formal presentations. The residency will provide advanced training in the clinical diagnosis and management of ocular disease. The program will allow the residency graduate to deliver the highest quality in patient care. The ultimate goal is to prepare the resident for a career in optometric practice which may include co-management/consultative referral clinics, academic education, primary care settings, and to serve the profession as leaders in the

optometric community. A commitment to excellence in patient care, the continual pursuit of knowledge, and the maintenance of the highest ethical standards are ideals that will be instilled in each resident enabling them to meet the everyday challenges of their profession and to serve as emulous examples to their peers, colleagues, and the profession.

SCHEDULE

The resident's typical weekly schedule is as follows:

Monday:

8:00 -12:00 Cataract Clinic

1:00 - 5:00 Primary Care Clinic

5:00 - 6:00 Educational Conference

Tuesday:

8:00 - 12:00 OFF

1:00 - 5:00 Cataract Clinic

5:00 - 6:00 Journal Club

Wednesday:

8:00 - 1:00 Retina Clinic

2:00 - 5:00 Retina Clinic

Thursday:

8:00 - 1:00 Cataract Clinic

2:00 - 5:00 Primary Care Clinic

Friday:

8:00 - 1:00 Cataract Clinic

2:00 - 5:00 Primary Care Clinic

There are no after hours responsibilities.

CURRICULUM

The resident's educational responsibilities include:

- Preparing Journal Club presentations
- Leading the educational slide conference
- Preparing a publishable quality paper for an optometric journal
- Daily education of the externs in the clinics
- Preparing lectures for presentation to the staff and externs

The residency position lasts from the first week in July until the Second week in July the following year.

BENEFITS

The stipend for the position is \$ 27,000 annually.

Additional benefits include:

- Health and Dental Insurance
- Malpractice Insurance

- 5 vacation days
- 5 continuing education days

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. All applicants must have completed, or will be expected to complete, an OD degree from an accredited College of Optometry by June preceding the residency year.
2. Every candidate will be considered in a fair and impartial manner. The following materials are due to the Program Coordinator by *February 1st* preceding the residency year:
 - a. ORMS registrations
 - b. Current curriculum vitae (CV)
 - c. Official transcripts from optometry school and any other post-graduate educational program
 - d. Three (3) letters of recommendation
 - e. National Board Scores
3. 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.
4. Every candidate that applies is required to take Part III of NBEO to be license eligible and scores submitted as soon as available.
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 will be 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 Program 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.
4. Prepare and deliver all Grand Round presentations and student lectures assigned.
5. Attend all scheduled clinical assignments.
6. Complete all patient, didactic and scholarship logs in a timely manner and submit to Program Coordinator when requested.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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