OPTOMETRIC RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

NSU NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
College of Optometry

Primary Care with Emphasis in Pediatrics & Binocular Vision

MISSION STATEMENT

The Residency in Primary Eye Care seeks to attract the best-qualified optometric graduates and provide advanced clinical and didactic education in optometry. The program offers a variety of optometric and interdisciplinary care and is designed to foster a life-long commitment to learning. Graduates of this residency program are trained to deliver superlative clinical care in primary care optometry, to serve as optometric educators, and to serve the profession of optometry as leaders within the community and health care delivery system.

AREA OF EMPHASIS

Each primary care resident may select an area of emphasis in which to further their clinical knowledge. These may include ocular disease (3 positions), cornea and contact lenses (2 positions), pediatrics and binocular vision (2 positions) and low vision (1 position). The resident spends approximately 50% of their clinical time in primary care and 50% of their clinical time in specialty services related to their chosen area of emphasis. External rotations are also arranged with specialists based on the area of emphasis with the schedule rotating approximately every 3-4 months. The percentage of clinical time in the area of specialty may vary based on clinical need or between rotations.

PRIMARY CARE WITH EMPHASIS IN PEDIATRICS & BINOCULAR VISION

The Eye Institute, with its wide diversity of patients and clinical facilities, serves a large patient base in both the Primary Care and Pediatrics & Binocular Vision Services. This residency program provides advanced clinical training in primary care optometry, as well focused exposure to pediatric care, binocular vision anomalies and vision therapy. Emphasis is placed on appropriate diagnosis and management, including refractive disorders, anomalies of accommodation and convergence, strabismus, amblyopia, learning disorders and special populations. Experience is gained through a combination of direct patient care and supervision of students. The resident also learns to design and employ proper vision therapy techniques. External clinical rotations in optometric and/or medical sub-specialties are also available to the resident.

CURRICULUM

- Supervision of patient care provided by student clinicians
- Observation of patient care delivered by specialized physicians
- Direct patient care in Resident Clinic
- Rotating after hours patient care
- Laboratory teaching
- Preparation of a paper of publishable quality

- Assistance with the preparation of publishable abstracts
- Delivery of lectures and Grand Rounds
- Attending Grand Rounds at NSU and Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
- Journal review and discussion
- Independent study

PREREQUISITES

All candidates will be considered in a fair and impartial manner. All candidates wishing to be considered must submit:

- Current Curriculum Vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from an ACOE accredited school or college of optometry demonstrating a minimum GPA of 2.8 or an average of 82%
- Passing score on NBEO Part I to be interviewed and passing NBEO Part II/TMOD to be placed.
- Completed application form
- ORMatch application
- Submit to a personal interview
- Obtained a Doctor of Optometry degree from an ACOE accredited school or college of optometry.
- Be license eligible in the state of Florida or have applied for a license in another state and eligible to receive a Faculty Certificate.

PROGRAM LENGTH AND WEEKLY SCHEDULE

The Primary Eye Care Residency is a 12.5 month program. The salary is $38,000 year. The resident is expected to work up to 5.5 days per week. The clinics are open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There is evening clinic on Wednesday until 8:00 pm and residents may be assigned to this clinic for portions of the year. All residents are expected to work for part of the year on Saturday, which is a half day from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. All residents will participate in after-hours emergency call. Clinical assignments vary and are determined by the Residency Director, with assignments rotating every 3-4 months.

BENEFITS

Professional liability insurance is covered for patient care provided only at NSU clinical sites, health and dental insurance is provided commensurate to Faculty coverage, 5.5 vacation days, 1 personal day, 5 sick days and up to 10 professional development days to attend conferences and seminars. A travel stipend is provided to attend professional conferences. Business cards and clinic jackets will also be provided for each resident.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

- Receive satisfactory evaluations from Residency Director.
- Complete a manuscript of publishable quality.
- Attend all assigned conferences.
- Prepare and deliver Grand Round presentations and lectures.
- Attend all scheduled clinical assignments.
- Complete all patient, didactic and scholarship logs in a timely manner.
- Attend the minimum number (3) of local society meetings.

WEB ADDRESS:

http://optometry.nova.edu/residency/internal/index.html

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