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, 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 their clinical knowledge. These may include ocular disease (three positions), cornea and contact lenses (two positions), pediatrics and binocular vision (two positions), and low vision (one position). The resident spends approximately 50% of their clinical time in primary care and 50% of their clinical time in specialty services related to pediatrics or VT. External rotations are arranged with specialists based on the area of emphasis, with the schedule rotating about every three-to-four months. The percentage of clinical time in the area of specialty may vary based on clinical need or between rotations.

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PREREQUISITES

All candidates will be considered in a fair and impartial manner. The deadline for applications is February 1st. All candidates wishing to be considered must submit or meet the following criteria:

- current curriculum vitae
- three letters of recommendation
- official transcripts from an ACOE-accredited school or college of optometry demonstrating a preferred minimum GPA of 2.8 or an average of 82 percent
- passing score on NBEO Part I to be interviewed and passing NBEO Part II/TMOD to be placed
- completed application form
- ORMS 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 applied for a license in another state and eligible to receive a Faculty Certificate in Florida

PROGRAM LENGTH AND WEEKLY SCHEDULE

The Primary Eye Care Residency is a 12.5-month program. The salary is $38,000 a year plus the additional pro-rated 2 weeks the following July. The resident is expected to work up to 5.5 days per week. The clinics are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. There is evening clinic on Wednesday until 8:00 p.m. and residents may be assigned to this clinic for portions of the year.

BENEFITS

- professional liability insurance is covered for patient care provided at NSU clinical sites.
- health and dental insurance will be provided commensurate to faculty coverage.
- leave will consist of 5.5 vacation days, 3 personal days, 5 sick days, and 10 professional development days to attend conferences.
- a travel stipend will be provided to attend professional conferences.
- business cards and clinic jackets will be provided for each resident.
- residents may enroll in the online NOVA Masters in Clinical Vision Science with tuition waiver after 6 months, though student activity fees must still be paid by the resident.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

- receive overall satisfactory evaluations
- 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 of local society meetings.