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 (1 position), pediatrics and binocular vision (2 positions) and geriatrics and low vision (1 position). The primary care with emphasis in geriatrics and low vision 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 fellowship-trained ophthalmologists to enhance understanding of retinal disorders. Experience is gained through a combination of direct patient care and supervision of students. The resident rotates with fellowship-trained ophthalmologists to enhance understanding of retinal disorders. 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 provided by specialized physicians
- Direct patient care
- 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 presentations
• 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 and a minimum GPA of 2.8 or an average of 82%
• Passing score on NBEO Part I to be interviewed and evidence of 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
• Required to take Part III and be license eligible in Florida or another state to receive a Faculty Certificate.

• Valid social security number and visa if international prior to beginning program.

**PROGRAM LENGTH AND SCHEDULE**

The Primary 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. 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. 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 at NSU, health and dental insurance is provided commensurate to Faculty coverage, 5.5 vacation days, 3 personal days, 5 sick days and up to 10 professional development days to attend conferences and seminars. A travel stipend up to $750.00 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.

• Deliver and prepare Grand Round presentations and lectures
• Attend all scheduled clinical assignments
• Complete all patient, didactic and scholarship logs
• Attend the minimum number of local society meetings

**WEB ADDRESS:**
[http://optometry.nova.edu/residency/index.html](http://optometry.nova.edu/residency/index.html)

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