

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY RESIDENCY PROGRAM PRIMARY CARE WITH EMPHASIS IN CORNEA AND CONTACT LENSES

MISSION STATEMENT: PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

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.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Eye Institute, with its wide diversity of patients and clinical facilities, serves a large patient base in both the Primary Care and Cornea & Contact Lens Services. This residency program provides advanced clinical training in primary care optometry, as well as focused exposure to advanced cornea and contact lens care. Emphasis is placed on specialty contact lens fitting, including presbyopia, astigmatism, corneal thinning disorders, post-surgical contact lens management and orthokeratology. Experience is gained through a combination of direct patient care, supervision of students and observation of specialists.

CURRICULUM

Primary Care Component (50-60% weekly schedule)

- Supervision of patient care by student clinicians in primary care
- Direct care of patients in primary care
- After hours patient care on a rotating basis
- Student instruction in optometric procedures
- Preparation of a paper of publishable quality
- Mentorship in the publication of papers, abstracts and posters
- Delivery of grand rounds lectures at NSU Residents' Day
- Journal review and discussion
- Attending lectures at NSU Resident Conference
- Independent Study
- Grand Rounds presentations at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
- Attending at least one professional conference (Academy, SECO, AOA)

Contact Lens Component (40-50% of weekly schedule)

- Supervision of patient care by students in the cornea and contact lens service
- Direct care of patients in the contact lens service
- Observation of care provided by cornea specialist
- Participation in and delivery of specialty contact lens workshops
- Laboratory teaching in contact lens lab
- Participation in lectures delivered to students in contact lens case conferences
- Attending contact lens related conferences, workshops and seminars

SCHEDULE AND WEEKLY HOURS

The Primary Care Residency is a 12.5 month program. The salary is \$32,500 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 approximately 1:00 pm. Clinical assignments vary and are determined by the Residency Director, with assignments rotating every 4-6 months.

BENEFITS

Professional liability insurance is covered for patient care provided at NSU, health and dental insurance (commensurate to Faculty coverage), 5.5 vacation days, 1 personal day, 5 sick days and up to 10 professional developments days to attend conferences, workshops and seminars. Up to \$700 travel stipend for continuing education. Business cards and clinic jackets will also be provided for each resident.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

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

SELECTION CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY

- Every candidate will be considered in a fair and impartial manner. All candidates are required to submit the following materials to the Director of Residency Programs by *February 1st*:
 1. Letter of intent
 2. Current curriculum vitae (CV)
 3. Official transcripts from optometry school
 4. NSU Residency Application Form (available on-line)
 5. Three (3) letters of recommendation (2 from individuals familiar with clinical skills)
 6. ORMS application
 7. NBEO Scores (A passing score from Part I of the NBEO is required to be interviewed; Part II and TMOD scores submitted as soon as they are available. Every candidate is required to *take* Part III of NBEO and scores submitted as soon as available.)
- Every candidate will be required to demonstrate adequate clinical and didactic knowledge through the following means:
 1. Clinical faculty recommendations
 2. Demonstrated self-study or research
 3. Active involvement in student scholarly groups
 4. Outside employment
 5. Clinical questions on interview
- Every candidate must submit to a personal interview by the Director of Residency Programs.
- Every candidate will be evaluated by members of the Interview Committee based upon:
 1. Didactic and clinical knowledge
 2. Interpersonal skills
 3. Integrity
 4. Adaptability
 5. Motivation
 6. Maturity
 7. Patient management skills

Additional Information

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

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