MISSION STATEMENT

The Residency in Pediatric Optometry and Binocular Vision at Nova Southeastern University and its College of Optometry seeks to attract the qualified graduates from schools and colleges of optometry and to provide them with advanced clinical training and didactic knowledge in pediatric optometry and binocular vision. Those who complete the program will have expertise in providing primary eye care for infants, children and special needs patients as well as patients of all ages with binocular anomalies and/or visually related learning problems. They will have the knowledge and skills to employ the health care team approach to patient care. Finally, they will have the necessary skills to serve as optometric educators and to contribute to the advancement of the profession in the areas of pediatric optometry and binocular vision.

THE EYE CARE INSTITUTE

The Eye Care Institute is a state-of-the-art clinical education facility with four locations providing vision care throughout South Florida. Our multidisciplinary clinical centers provide affordable specialty vision care in the areas of pediatric optometry and binocular vision to the community.

CURRICULUM

- Supervision of patient care by student clinicians
- Observation of patient care delivered by specialized physicians
- Direct patient care in Pediatric Clinics
- Laboratory teaching
- Guest Lecturing in Courses
- Preparation of a paper of publishable quality
- Assistance with the preparation of publishable abstracts
- Delivery of lectures & Grand Rounds
- Attending Grand Rounds at NSU and Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
- Journal review and discussion
- Pediatric Optometry and Binocular Vision tutorials
- Independent study

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

- Receive overall satisfactory evaluations from Program Coordinator.
- 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.

PREREQUISITES

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

• Letter of Intent
• Current Curriculum Vitae
• Three letters of recommendation
• Official transcripts from an ACOE accredited school or college of optometry demonstrating 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 NSU Residency application form (available online)
• ORMatch application
• Submit to a personal interview
• Obtained a Doctor of Optometry degree from an ACOE accredited school or college of optometry.
• License eligible in Florida or have applied for a license in another state and eligible to receive a Faculty Certificate.

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

PROGRAM LENGTH AND WEEKLY SCHEDULE

The Primary Eye 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 - Friday. There is evening clinic on Wednesday in the Pediatric Service until 7:00 pm and residents may be assigned to this clinic for portions of the year. Residents will be assigned their own schedule of vision therapy patients on Saturday, which is a half day from 8:00 am to approximately 1:00 pm on.

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 day, 5 sick days and up to 10 professional development days to attend conferences and seminars. A travel stipend of up to $750.00 is provided to attend professional conferences. Business cards and clinic jackets will also be provided for each resident.

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