

OUR MISSION

The Pediatric Optometry Residency with an emphasis in Vision Therapy and Vision Rehabilitation attracts qualified optometry graduates and provides advanced clinical training and didactic education in pediatric optometry, binocular vision, and vision therapy and rehabilitation. The program develops residents with expertise in caring for infants, children, special needs patients, and individuals of all ages with binocular anomalies and vision-related learning problems. Through a collaborative, team-based approach to patient care, residents will be prepared to serve as skilled clinicians, effective educators, and contributors to the advancement of pediatric optometry and binocular vision.

ABOUT THE RESIDENCY

Residents develop advanced skills at multiple NSU Health Eye Care locations and external rotations in Southeast Florida, caring for a highly varied patient population and managing a wide range of ocular and systemic conditions.

- Program Length: 12.5 months
- Salary: \$60,000 + prorated half month
- Benefits: Health, Dental, Liability Insurance
- Leave: 5 vacation, 3 personal, 5 sick days
- Professional Development: 10 conference days + program emphasis meeting + travel funds
- Weekly Schedule
 - 40-45 hours per week
 - Clinic hours: Mon - Fri (8:30am - 5pm)
Sat (8am - 12pm)
 - Conference and emphasis tutorial
 - After-hours emergency care: one week every 6-8 weeks

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The Doctor of Optometry Program and Residency Programs at the Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry hold the status of "accredited" by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE). The ACOE is the accrediting body for professional degree programs offered by all optometric institutions in the United States. The ACOE contact information is 243 North Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 301, St. Louis, Missouri 63141; telephone number (800) 365-2219.

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OPTOMETRY RESIDENCY

Pediatric Optometry with Emphasis in Vision Therapy & Vision Rehabilitation



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APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants will be considered in a fair and impartial manner. Applications will be accepted until January 31st, and an interview will be required. Applicants are evaluated on both submitted materials and interview performance.

All applicants are required to meet the following:

- O.D. degree from an ACOE-accredited college of optometry (by program start)
- Submit via ORMatch:
 - Letter of intent
 - Curriculum vitae (CV)
 - Official transcripts
 - recommended GPA \geq 2.8 or 82%
 - Three letters of recommendation
 - NBEO board scores
- Pass NBEO Part I (for interview consideration)
- Pass NBEO Part II (for ORMatch ranking in March)
- Sit for NBEO Part III (submit scores when available)
- Eligible for licensure in Florida (or another state) and able to obtain a Florida Faculty Certificate
- Complete personal interview with the Residency Director and Coordinator

Additional Information:

- Applicants must register with ORMatch (unless applying for an unfilled post-match position).
- Candidates who have not passed NBEO Part II will not be ranked but may be considered post-match for unfilled positions once passed.
- Final official transcripts required if matched
- Background check will be completed before the program begins
- Residents must maintain a valid Social Security number and, if applicable, a valid visa for the duration of the program.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Pediatric Optometry resident rotates through specialty clinics to develop advanced competencies in pediatric eye care, binocular vision, myopia control, vision therapy and vision rehabilitation, neuro-optometric care, and vision services for special populations and athletes. The clinical experience includes direct patient care, student supervision, and external subspecialty rotations with optometrists, ophthalmologist and other health care providers in areas such as neuro-ophthalmology, pediatrics, and vision rehabilitation. Residents participate in weekly conferences and pediatric and binocular vision tutorials as well as journal reviews, workshops, and scholarly activities.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

PEDIATRICS & BINOCULAR VISION

- Provide advanced pediatric and binocular vision care including VT and myopia control
- Provide 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

STRABISMUS & AMBLYOPIA

- Manage advanced strabismus and amblyopia across all age groups
- Gain advanced competencies in prism prescription, amblyopia therapies, surgical co-management and functional vision evaluation

NEURO-OPTOMETRY

- Autism and special populations
- Acquired brain injury
- Sports Vision Enhancement & Concussion

VISION THERAPY & VISION REHABILITATION

- Develop expertise in vision therapy and rehabilitation for binocular, perceptual, and accommodative disorders
- Gain advanced skills in vision rehabilitation

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RESIDENCY PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

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We offer residency programs in **PRIMARY EYE CARE OPTOMETRY** with specialty emphasis areas. Please refer to the website for more information.