



Emory Eye Center Optometry Residency

Residency in Ocular Disease with an emphasis in Cornea and Contact Lenses

MISSION STATEMENT

The Emory Eye Center Residency in Ocular Disease with an emphasis in Cornea and Contact Lenses seeks to attract optometric graduates to provide advanced clinical expertise above and beyond that provided in the Doctor of Optometry program. The residency will focus on the anterior segment to develop clinical expertise in medical contact lens fitting and management, as well as the assessment and management of various ocular diseases.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Emory University School of Medicine is a private medical school located in Atlanta, GA. The Emory Eye Center and the Ophthalmology Department currently consist of 18 residents (6 per year) and 12-15 fellows in various subspecialties including Glaucoma, Retina, Uveitis, Neuro-ophthalmology, Oculoplastics, Pediatrics and Cornea.

The primary sites for this training program will be Clifton Rd. Emory campus and Grady Memorial Hospital with some clinical time at Emory St. Joe's and Emory Midtown Hospitals. The residency will provide qualified Optometrists with advanced clinical training and education in the diagnosis and treatment of ocular disease in a high-volume academic medical setting. The program will also provide focused exposure in medical contact lenses, cornea and anterior segment disease management (including keratoconus) as well as refractive surgery. Additionally, the residency program will promote the development of life-long learning skills that will enable residents to provide high quality patient-centered care throughout their optometric career.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

The program is 12.5 months in length. The salary is \$42,000 annually, including health and liability insurance under the same terms and conditions as Emory Eye Center faculty members. Residents receive 14 days of annual leave (plus holidays), with available sick leave. Residents also are provided with professional development funds and allotted up to 7 days to attend continuing education conferences.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- All candidates must have received an OD degree from a College of Optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) prior to matriculation
- All candidates must have successful completion of National Boards Parts I, II, and III
- Applicants must be eligible for optometric licensure in the state of Georgia at the earliest opportunity
- Applicants must be available for a personal or Zoom interview
- Every candidate who applies must register with the Optometry Residency Matching Service (ORMatch)
- Applicants will need to provide the following information:
 - Current curriculum vitae
 - Letter of Intent
 - Official optometry school transcripts
 - Official NBEO scores

- Three letters of recommendation

Please visit **ORMatch website for application requirements, deadlines and additional information. The deadline is January 31, 2025.**

PROGRAM GOALS

1. To attract a sufficient number of qualified candidates from across the country
2. To select the most qualified candidates from the pool of applicants in a fair and impartial manner
3. To provide an adequate clinical patient base in primary, secondary and tertiary care settings with a diversity in ocular disease and medical contact lenses
 - a. The resident will work with the attending faculty during the week. They may rotate through Emory Eye Center at Clifton Road and Emory St. Joseph's.
4. To provide training in the diagnosis and management of ocular disease
 - a. The Cornea and Contact Lens resident's clinical experience will be enhanced in patient care through fitting and designing specialty contact lenses (SCL) for patients experiencing vision or function loss from a variety of anterior segment disease processes.
 - b. The resident will develop clinical skills in examining and fitting pediatric patients with contact lenses after ocular surgery or traumatic insult.
 - c. Each resident will also examine patients with ocular disease in clinics which will include glaucoma, retina/vitreous, anterior segment and triage/comprehensive care.
 - d. The resident will have the opportunity to compare their diagnostic and management skills to the attending provider who makes the final decision regarding diagnosis and management of the patient.
 - e. The resident will examine and follow patients in the primary care and/or triage clinics. The resident will make the final decision regarding the impression and plan. The resident will have a senior optometric faculty member available to provide guidance as needed at all times.
 - f. The resident will practice to the scope of Georgia law once they have passed the State Board Licensing Examination, which will allow them to manage and treat their patients who present with ocular disease.
5. To provide didactic instruction to all residents on a wide array of ocular disease topics
6. To develop and enhance lecturing and teaching skills of the optometry resident

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

For completion and certification, the resident must commit to 54 weeks and attend all assigned clinics, participating in the adequate number of patients in order to become competent in ocular disease and contact lenses. The resident will also be required to engage in didactic activities to supplement their clinical education which include:

- Attending Emory Eye Center Grand Rounds and Weekly Journal Clubs (if applicable)
- Presenting a case during at least One Contact Lens Grand Round
- Poster/Paper presentation at Global Specialty Lens Symposium or American Academy meeting
- Writing a minimum of one case report following AAO fellowship guidelines

Example of Weekly Didactic Schedule:

Monday 5:00pm OD Slide Conference
 Tuesday 7:30am OD Resident Case Conference
 Friday 7:00am Cornea/FA Conference
 Friday 8:00am Grand Rounds
 Friday 9:00am Conference/lectures, if applicable

Example of Clinical Weekly Schedule:

Monday 8:00am-5:00pm Emory Comp/Grady
 Tuesday 8:00am-5:00pm Emory SCL
 Wed 8:00am-5:00pm Emory SCL/Grady
 Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm Emory SCL
 Friday 9:00am-5:00pm Emory Comp/GLC

*No on-call duties outside normal clinic hours

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