



ORLANDO VA MEDICAL CENTER

OPTOMETRY RESIDENCY IN OCULAR DISEASE/PRIMARY CARE OPTOMETRY / GERIATRICS

2 positions, Approximately July 1 through June 30th (52 weeks)

ABOUT US

The Orlando VA Medical Center, in East Central Florida, is a member of the VISN 8 Healthcare System. The Orlando VA Medical Center includes the Orlando VA Medical Center at Lake Nona, Community Living Center, Outpatient Clinics (OPC) at Lake Baldwin, Daytona Beach, Viera and Palm Bay and the Community Based Outpatient Clinics located in Clermont, Kissimmee, Tavares and Deltona. There are 13 residency trained optometrists on staff who supervise the Orlando VA's Optometry Residents and Students (9 at Lake Nona, 4 at Lake Baldwin). The optometrists provide primary eye care as well as management of chronic ocular diseases and ocular manifestations of systemic diseases. Some optometrists also participate in Low Vision exams, specialty contact lens exams and fitting and evaluation of patients with TBI. The Orlando VAMC developed the Optometry Residency program in March 2007. Nova Southeastern University is the academic affiliate. The first optometry resident started July 1, 2007. The residency program is fully accredited by the ACOE. The Orlando VAMC Eye Clinic has a teaching program involving fourth year optometry students from several different colleges of optometry. Ophthalmologists on staff include: cornea specialists, retina specialists, an oculoplastics specialist, glaucoma specialists, a general ophthalmologist as well as 4 ophthalmology residents all based at Lake Nona. Ophthalmologists manage advanced chronic eye diseases and ocular manifestations of systemic diseases as well as perform major / minor eye surgeries, intravitreal injections and laser procedures. There are numerous eye technicians on staff that provide triage, screen patients, do Visual Fields, photos, OCT, pachymetry, B-scans, etc.

OPTOMETRY FACULTY

Dr. Jenette Cantrell, Dr. Babita Gounden (CL), Dr. Sara Henney, Dr. Lauren Kiggen (low vision), Dr. David Lynne (**Chief of Optometry** for Corporate Orlando, CL), Dr. Maria Mandese, (TBI) Dr. Beth Norris, Dr. Claire Pizzimenti, Dr. Ian Raden (**residency co-coordinator**), Dr. John Spalding, (**residency co-coordinator**), Dr. Trisha Tran, Dr. Erica Walker (**Eye Clinic Supervisor** at Lake Baldwin, low vision), Dr. Betty Wang

INTERNAL / EXTERNAL ROTATIONS

- VA Optometry: Low Vision, Specialty Contact Lens, TBI
- VA Ophthalmology Clinic and OR Observation
- External Ophthalmology: Cornea, Retina, Neuro-ophthalmology

RESIDENT'S SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

- Monday to Friday 7A—4P (no call for now). Urgent care may extend hours.

DIDACTIC ACTIVITIES

- 1st Tuesday of Month Training Day (resident slide quiz to students, journal article/quiz)
- Weds 330-530 Optional Ophthalmology Lecture (for resident(s) at Lake Nona that day)
- Thursday 7a-830a Streamed BPEI/Wilmer/Wills Grand Rounds, 1230p-2p OD conference (Journals, Lectures, Case Presentations, Quizzes, etc.)
- 2nd Friday of Month: VA Central Office TMS Optometry Lectures

REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENCY COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

- 3 Formal Grand Rounds Presentations: 1-2 at VISN 8 Meetings and/or Local Society Meeting, 1 at NSU College of Optometry
- Completion of Paper or Poster (AAO, SECO, HOA, AOA Congress or Orlando VAMC) by June 30
- Obtain 3 hours of CE at CFSOP and 12 hours of CE at national meeting (AAO, SECO, VisionExpo, Nova, AOA Congress, etc.) at own expense
- Satisfactory performance on all evaluations, timely completion of staff / program evaluations. completion of all check-out procedures at the Orlando VAMC

BENEFITS

- Salary (\$35,063) set nationally by VA
- 13 Days Annual Leave, available Sick Leave, 2 Authorized Absence Days to attend CE Meetings
- Professional liability (Federal Tort Claims Act) coverage while at the VA
- Health Insurance (at resident's expense)

HOUSING

- The Resident is responsible for their own housing. If possible, residents should live between Lake Nona and Lake Baldwin.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

- OPTOMETRY RELATED
 - The applicant will have achieved a minimum, cumulative GPA of 3.0 or equivalent in optometry school to be considered for an interview.
 - The candidate must have a passing score from Part I of the NBEO to be interviewed; Part II and TMOD scores shall be submitted as soon as they are available. Candidates must pass both Part II and TMOD by the ORMatch date in order to be ranked in ORMatch by March of the residency year.
 - Every candidate that applies is required to take Part III of NBEO and have scores submitted as soon as available.
 - The applicant must have earned an OD degree or will have earned such a degree from an accredited School or College of Optometry prior to July 1.
- OTHER
 - Residency applicants will be evaluated and chosen without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information. ([Prohibited Employment Policies/Practices | U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission \(eeoc.gov\)](#))
 - Residency applicants must be citizens of the United States to be considered
 - More on eligibility / paperwork involved:
 - <https://www.va.gov/OAA/TQCVL/2021HPTInstructionsFINALv2.pdf>

OFFICIAL APPLICATION SITE

- <https://natmatch.com/ormatch/>

SELECTION PROCEDURE

- After all of the minimally acceptable candidates have been interviewed and the supporting materials reviewed, a panel of full-time staff optometrists will rank the candidates and send the rankings to the ORMatch office by the matching deadline.
- Once the Orlando VAMC Optometry Residency Program Coordinator has been notified as to the outcome of the matching process, the matched applicant will be contacted.

LICENSURE REQUIREMENT

- The selected resident is required to have submitted an application for an optometry license in any state prior to July 1.
- Should the selected resident not have an optometry license prior to July 31, the selected resident may be discharged from the program and an alternate resident (if available) may or may not be selected to fill the position through names of unmatched residents provided by ORMatch or other sources.

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