

## MISSION STATEMENT

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, to serve as optometric educators, and to serve the profession of optometry as leaders within the community and health care delivery system.

## AREA OF EMPHASIS

Each primary care resident may select an area of emphasis in which to further their clinical knowledge. These may include ocular disease (three positions), cornea and contact lenses (two positions), pediatrics and binocular vision (two positions) and low vision (one position). The primary care with emphasis in low vision resident spends approximately 50 % of their clinical time in primary care and 50% of their clinical time in specialty services related to the chosen area of emphasis. External rotations are also arranged with specialists based on the area of emphasis, with the schedule rotating about every three-to-four months. The amount of clinical time in the area of specialty may vary depending on clinical need or between each rotation.

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# OPTOMETRIC RESIDENCY PROGRAM

## Primary Care with Emphasis in Visual Rehabilitation



## **PRIMARY CARE WITH EMPHASIS IN GERIATRICS AND LOW VISION**

The Eye Care Institute, with its wide diversity of patients and clinical facilities, serves a large patient base in the Primary Care, Geriatrics and Low Vision Services. Low-vision rehabilitation is provided on campus in our Low Vision Service as well as off campus at the Lighthouse of Fort Lauderdale. This residency program provides advanced clinical training in primary care optometry, as well as focused exposure to geriatric and low-vision patients. Emphasis is placed on care of specialty populations and those in need of vision rehabilitative services. Experience is gained through a combination of direct patient care, supervision of students and rotations with fellowship-trained ophthalmologists in neuro-ophthalmology and retina, as well as the NOVA Glaucoma Service and Diabetes/Macula Service to enhance understanding of ocular disease. Additional external clinical rotations in other medical subspecialties may be available to the resident.

### **CURRICULUM**

- supervision of patient care provided by student clinicians
- observation of patient care provided by specialized physicians
- direct patient care
- rotating after-hours patient care
- laboratory teaching
- preparation of a paper of publishable quality
- assistance with the preparation of publishable abstracts and posters
- delivery of lectures and grand rounds presentations

- grand rounds at NSU and Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
- journal review and discussion
- independent study

### **PREREQUISITES**

All candidates will be considered in a fair and impartial manner. The deadline for applications is February 1st. All candidates wishing to be considered must submit or meet the following criteria:

- current curriculum vitae
- three letters of recommendation
- official transcripts from an ACOE-accredited school or college of optometry and a preferred minimum GPA of 2.8 or an average of 82%
- passing score on NBEO Part I to be interviewed and evidence of passing NBEO Part II/TMOD to be placed
- completed application form
- ORMatch application
- submit to a personal interview
- obtained a Doctor of Optometry degree from an ACOE-accredited school or college of optometry
- required to take Part III and be license eligible in Florida or another state to receive a Faculty Certificate
- valid social security number and visa if international prior to beginning program

### **PROGRAM LENGTH AND SCHEDULE**

The Primary Care Residency is a 12.5-month program. The salary is \$38,000 a year plus the additional pro-rated 2 weeks the following July.

The resident is expected to work up to 5.5 days per week. The clinics are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All residents are expected to work for part of the year on Saturday, which is a half day, from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. Clinical assignments vary and are determined by the Residency Director, with assignments rotating every 3-4 months.

### **BENEFITS**

- professional liability insurance for patient care provided at NSU clinical sites.
- health and dental insurance provided commensurate to faculty coverage.
- leave of 5.5 vacation days, 3 personal days, 5 sick days, and 10 professional development days to attend conferences.
- a travel stipend to attend professional conferences and seminars
- business cards and clinic jackets
- residents may enroll in the on line NOVA Masters in Clinical Vision Science with tuition waiver after 6 months, though student activity fees must still be paid by the resident.

### **COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS**

- receive overall satisfactory evaluations
- complete a manuscript of publishable quality
- attend all assigned conferences
- deliver and prepare grand round presentations and lectures
- attend all scheduled clinical assignments
- complete all patient, didactic, and scholarship logs
- attend the minimum number (3) of local society meetings