

# OPTOMETRIC RESIDENCY PROGRAMS



## Primary Care with emphasis in Ocular Disease



### 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 in primary care optometry, 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 his or her clinical knowledge. These areas may include ocular disease (3 positions), cornea and contact lenses (1 position), pediatrics and binocular vision (2 positions) and geriatrics and low vision (1 position). The primary care with emphasis in ocular disease resident spends approximately 60% of their clinical time in primary care and 40% of their clinical time in specialty services related to their chosen area of emphasis. External rotations are also arranged with specialists based on the area of emphasis with the schedule rotating approximately every 4 months. The amount of clinical time in the area of specialty may vary depending on clinical need or between each month rotation.

### PRIMARY CARE WITH EMPHASIS IN OCULAR DISEASE

The Eye Institute, with its wide diversity of patients and clinical facilities, provides a large ocular disease patient base. Via the Advanced Care Service and our outlying community-based clinics, The Eye Institute renders care for a wide range of ocular disorders, including glaucoma, retinal disease, and traumatic injuries. The resident will have access to advanced diagnostic equipment including the Spectral Domain OCT, GDx VCC, HRT II, and PreView PHP. Digital fundus photography, automated visual fields and ultrasonography are standard at all of our clinical facilities. Residents in Primary Care with emphasis in Ocular Disease enjoy regular rotations through our on-campus Urgent Care Service, Glaucoma Service, and Diabetes & Macular Disease Service. In addition, off-campus specialty rotations may include general ophthalmology, retina, oculoplastics, cornea and neuro-ophthalmology with fellowship trained ophthalmologists committed to training residents. Residents provide patient care as a student preceptor as well as perform direct primary care throughout the year. External clinical rotations in optometric and/or medical sub-specialists are also available to the resident.

## CURRICULUM

- Supervision of patient care provided by student clinicians
- Observation of care provided by specialized physicians
- Direct patient care
- Rotating after hours urgent care
- Laboratory teaching
- Preparation of a paper of publishable quality
- Assistance with the preparation of publishable abstracts
- 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. All candidates wishing to be considered must submit:

- Current Curriculum Vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from ACOE accredited 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 application form
- ORMatch application
- Submit to a personal interview

- Obtain 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 and eligible for a Faculty Certificate.
- Valid social security number and/or visa.

## PROGRAM LENGTH AND SCHEDULE

The Primary Care Residency is a 12.5 month program. The salary is \$38,000 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, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. All residents are expected to work for part of the year on Saturday, which is a half day from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Clinical assignments vary and are determined by the Residency Director, with assignments rotating every 4 months.

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

## COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

- Receive satisfactory evaluations from Residency Director
- 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
- Attend the minimum number of local society meetings

### WEB ADDRESS:

<http://optometry.nova.edu/residency/index.html>

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<http://www.facebook.com/nsuoptometricresidency>

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