

NSU COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS FOR OPTOMETRIC RESIDENCY

Letter of Intent: Send a letter of intent (e-mail acceptable) to the Residency Director introducing yourself as a candidate. Be sure to list all those programs at NSU of which you are interested.

Application Form: Complete the electronic NSU residency application form below.

NSU RESIDENCY APPLICATION FORM

By filling out this application, you agree to allow the Director of Residency Programs or Program Coordinator to copy and distribute your application materials to the members of the selection committee.

Letters of Recommendation: Obtain at least three (3) letters of recommendation. At least two (2) of these letters must be from individuals who are familiar with your clinical skills. The letters should be sent directly to the Residency Director. An email from the referring doctor with the scanned letter (on letter head and signed) is acceptable.

Transcripts: Have your official optometry college transcripts sent to the Residency Director (undergraduate transcripts are not required). **Candidates must have a recommended minimum GPA of 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale) or a cumulative average of 82% to be considered.**

National Board Scores: Send a copy of your NBEO scores to the Residency Director. Official NBEO scores will eventually be sent by ORMatch. **Only those candidates who have already PASSED Part I will be considered for interview.** Candidates must have also taken Part II and TMOD prior to interviewing and have demonstrate that they have passed both Part II and the TMOD and are license eligible **in order to participate in the ORMatch process in March.** Candidates are **required to take Part III** of the National Boards and submit scores as soon as available.

Curriculum Vitae: Send a current curriculum vitae (CV) to the Residency Director. Focus on clinical rotations, awards, research (if any), student organizations, volunteer work and extracurricular activities.

ORMatch: Remember to register for each position with ORMatch! Candidates cannot participate in the matching process unless they are registered with ORMatch.

Licensure: If you already possess a license to practice optometry in any state, please send a copy of your certificate. You must be license eligible in the state of Florida or able to obtain a license in another state and eligible to receive a Faculty Certificate in state of Florida. Faculty certificates are unique to teaching institutions and allow autonomy to practice to Florida law.

Interview: A personal interview is **REQUIRED** for consideration in all Nova residency programs. Interviews will be granted to qualified candidates after review of the application materials. All costs associated with travel for on-site interviews are the responsibility of the candidate.

International Students: You will need a valid social security number and visa allowing you to remain in the country for the completion of the program, which is **12.5 months** long. This may require you entering the country a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the start of the program in order to apply for a social security number. You must have a social security number at the start of the program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1st

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Do I need to send my materials all at once? Application materials need not be sent all at once, or in any particular order. A file will be started once we receive any materials from you, and will be kept open until the application deadline.

Do I need to send more than one application if applying to more than one position at NSU? If you are applying to more than one position at NSU, you do not need to send multiple copies of applications, letters of recommendation or transcripts. Copies will be made for each Coordinator.

Can I email my application material? You may email your CV and letter of intent via email attachment. Your letters of recommendation need to come from the doctors directly, but may be sent via email as an attachment if on letterhead and signed. The transcripts must be official transcripts and sent by the school directly. The NSU application is electronic (link on website and above) and is required.

When are interviews held? Interviews are typically held within the first two weeks of February. The application must be complete for an interview date to be set. If you are in Florida earlier than February and would like an earlier interview, let the Director know, but the application must be completed ahead of time.

NOTE: A background search will be performed after the match is completed prior to any candidate starting the program.

Applicants for any of the following programs:

NSU Residency in Primary Care with emphasis in Ocular Disease
NSU Residency in Primary Care with emphasis in Pediatrics & Binocular Vision
NSU Residency in Primary Care with emphasis in Cornea and Contact Lenses
NSU Residency in Primary Care with emphasis in Geriatrics & Low Vision

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Residency in Pediatrics and Binocular Vision - Nova Southeastern University

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