

Residency Programs



Primary Care with Low Vision and Ocular Disease

The Eye Care Institute, with its wide diversity of patients and clinical facilities, serves a large patient base in primary care, low vision and disease. Low-vision rehabilitation is provided at NSU in our Low Vision Service and the Lighthouse of Fort Lauderdale. The program provides advanced clinical training in primary care, as well as focused exposure to low-vision patients. Emphasis is placed on care of specialty populations and vision rehabilitative services. Experience is gained through 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. Additional external clinical rotations in other medical subspecialties are provided.

Mission

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.

Salary and Benefits

The program is 12.5 months in length. The salary is \$38,000/year plus a pro-rated amount for the additional 2 weeks. Health, dental and liability insurance will be provided under the same terms and conditions as faculty. One week (5.5 working days) of leave for vacation, three (3) personal days, five (5) sick days. Residents are allotted (10) days for professional development.

Application Process

- All applicants will be considered in a fair and non-discriminatory manner.
- Applicants must have graduated from an accredited school of optometry in the United States and Canada.
- Required to pass Part I NBEO to be offered an interview.
- Required to pass Part II and TMOD to be ranked in ORMatch. Scores should be submitted when available.
- Must be license eligible in Florida or license eligible in another state and able to receive a Faculty Certificate in Florida.
- International applicants must have a valid visa prior to the start of the program.
- Additional application to be submitted.



Additional materials: curriculum vitae, official transcripts, NBEO scores, letter of intent and a minimum of 3 letters of recommendation. A personal interview is required for all applicants. There is a recommended GPA of 2.8 or greater. NSU participates in ORMatch and abides by those rules and regulations.

Weekly Schedule

The resident is expected to work 5.5 days/week. Clinics are open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday - Friday. Residents will be assigned their own schedule of vision therapy patients on Saturdays, which is a half day from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. After hour emergency care is provided by all residents on a rotating basis.

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