

Nova Southeastern University COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY RESIDENCY PROGRAMS



OUR MISSION

The Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry residency programs seek to attract the most 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 lifelong commitment to learning. Graduates of the residency programs 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 annually, plus a prorated amount for the additional half month. Health, dental, and liability insurance will be provided under the same terms and conditions as faculty members. Residents receive 1 week (5.5 working days) of vacation, 3 personal days, and 5 sick days. Residents also are provided professional development funds and allotted 10 days to attend conferences.

RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMARY CARE WITH LOW VISION AND OCULAR DISEASE

Low vision rehabilitation is provided on campus, as well as off campus, at the Lighthouse of Broward County. Emphasis is placed on caring for those in need of vision rehabilitation services of all ages. Residents will also gain experience through external rotations in several medical subspecialties.

PRIMARY CARE WITH CORNEA AND CONTACT LENSES

This residency program provides advanced clinical training in primary care optometry, as well as focused exposure to advanced corneal and ocular surface conditions and their management with specialty contact lenses. Experience is gained through direct patient care, supervision of students, and external rotations in optometric and medical subspecialties.

PRIMARY CARE WITH OCULAR DISEASE

Through our advanced care services, external facilities, and affiliate ophthalmology practices, residents are exposed to a wide range of ocular disorders. The resident will have access to advanced diagnostic equipment, including SD-OCT and OCTA, PHP, digital photography, FAF, and ultrasonography. Extensive experience is obtained through rotations in retina, neuroophthalmology, ocular oncology, oculoplastics, glaucoma, and corneal disease.

PRIMARY CARE WITH PEDIATRICS AND BINOCULAR VISION

Residents are involved in patient care through clinical instruction of students, direct care, specialty and tertiary care observation, urgent after-hours care, and vision screenings. Scholarly activity is a vital part of the program involving the development of a publishable quality paper, weekly residency conferences, and pediatric and binocular vision tutorials.

PEDIATRIC OPTOMETRY AND BINOCULAR VISION-TBI

This residency program seeks to attract qualified graduates from schools and colleges of optometry and provide advanced clinical training and didactic knowledge in pediatric optometry, binocular vision, and vision therapy.



APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants will be considered in a fair and nondiscriminatory manner and are required to meet the following criteria:

- received an O.D. degree from a college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) prior to matriculation
- submit into ORMatch the required letter of intent, curriculum vitae, official transcripts from an ACOE-accredited college of optometry demonstrating a recommended minimum GPA of 2.8 or an average of 82 percent, and 3 letters of recommendation
- pass Part I of the NBEO in order to be offered an interview
- pass Part II and TMOD prior to interview in order to be ranked in the ORMatch system in March
- sit for Part III of the NBEO and submit scores as soon as available
- be license eligible in Florida or another state and able to receive a Faculty Certificate in Florida
- possess a valid visa prior to the start of the program (international students)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Candidates who do not pass Part II or TMOD, but have completed their application, will not be ranked but may be considered for any remaining unfilled positions once Part I, II, and TMOD have been successfully completed.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

The resident is expected to work 5.5 days each week. Clinics are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All residents are expected to work part of the year on Saturday, which is a half day, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Clinical assignments vary and are determined by the residency director, with assignments rotating every 3 to 4 months. After-hour emergency care is provided by all residents on a rotating basis.

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