

**Residency in Primary Care Optometry
Jacksonville VA Outpatient Clinic**

Eye Clinic
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Program Application Deadline: January 31st

Date Program Established: 2019

Accreditation Status: Pending

Program Mission Statement:

The mission of the program is to provide qualified post-doctoral practitioners with an advanced educational experience that will enhance clinical skills in both primary eye care and ocular disease. Individuals completing the program will be able to deliver an advanced level of optometric care in a clinical setting, practice in co-management and multidisciplinary practices, and/or serve as clinical instructors at optometry schools.

Program Description:

This residency program is designed to provide qualified residents with a significant number of diverse patient encounters. The resident will work a forty-hour work week where the majority of the time will be devoted to direct patient care in the primary care eye clinic. The resident will have the opportunity to manage a significant number of ocular disease cases, including glaucoma, retinal pathologies, cataract management, and neuro-ophthalmic cases. The resident will also rotate through weekly contact lens and low vision clinics. The resident will participate in journal club meetings with the staff and optometry students and will be given the opportunity to attend a professional conference.

Program Length: Twelve months

Number of Positions Available in Program: 1

Program Starting Date: July 1st

Typical Weekly Hours and After-Hours Responsibilities:

The resident will be required to work 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year, excluding federal holidays, authorized absence, annual and sick leave. There will be four 10-hour days, Mon – Fri 0700 to 1730. There are no after hour responsibilities. The resident is granted 13 days of annual leave (vacation), federal holidays, sick days and authorized absence. Authorized absence is to be used to attend the VISN 8 Optometry Resident Grand Rounds, NSU's Optometry Residents Day event, and/or attending

major educational meetings (i.e. AAO, AOA Congress, SECO) at their own expense. Attendance at the meeting will be verified. A 45-day notice is required in order to use any of these days.

Requirements for Completion:

Satisfactory completion on all quarterly evaluations. Completion of at least 3 formal presentations. Completion of a paper or poster. Completion of 3 hours of CE at CFSOP meetings and 12 hours at a major meeting. Completion of all check-out procedures at the Orlando VAMC

Program Salary/Stipend: \$34,888.00

Program Benefits and Liability Coverage: Health Coverage, Professional Liability Insurance, Vacation, Paid Sick Leave

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Selection Procedure and Admission Criteria:

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT Candidates will be considered regardless of race, color, sex, age, non-disqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin.

1. The candidate must receive an OD degree from an ACOE accredited College or School of Optometry prior to matriculation.

2. The selection process will include all practicing optometrists in the facility. The same questions will be asked to each candidate.
3. The candidates must submit a personal statement, curriculum vitae, official transcripts from optometry school, and board scores from NBEO Part 1, Part II/TMOD and Part III (when available) and at least 3 letters of reference (two from individuals who are familiar with the candidate's clinical skills).
4. The Program Coordinator will select and rank the most qualified applicants with input from the other interviewers (practicing optometrists) at the facility. The names of the candidates will be submitted to ORMatch in agreement with their policies and deadlines.

United States citizenship is required to qualify for VHA appointment in a paid VA optometry resident position funded by the Office of Academic Affiliations. Reference: VA Handbook 5005/57, Part II, Chapter 3, Paragraph 3.g.(1) & (5)(c), dated June 14, 2012.