SUNY, State College of Optometry: Residency Program Mission, Goals and Objectives:

Mission:

The Mission of the Office of Residency Education is to provide the following to its residency programs, either sponsored at SUNY or affiliated with the College: educational direction, a didactic program and guidance in meeting accreditation requirements and the highest standards in residency education.

Goal 1: To have a didactic curriculum for all programs to participate in.

  Objective 1: Establish and organize the SUNY didactic program (referred to as the “Friday Program”), which includes workshops, lectures, and seminars.

  Objective 2: Establish and organize the “Core Curriculum” of the Friday Program.

Goal 2: To have all residency programs meet accreditation requirements, including achieving accreditation within one year of its establishment.

  Objective 1: Each residency program’s annual review will be reviewed to assure that each program is meeting ACOE requirements, along with meeting the program’s mission, goals and objective.

  Objective 2: New programs will become fully accredited within 1 year of its establishment.

Goal 3: To establish and expand residency programs which will train individuals to develop unique skills and competencies in one or more areas of optometric practice for current and future health care needs.

  Objective 1: Establish new residency programs based on needs assessment.

  Objective 2: Provide residency programs which train an individual to achieve advanced clinical competencies.

Goal 4: To have well qualified residency supervisors.

  Objective 1: Assess the residency supervisors two times per year.

  Objective 2: Meet with the supervisors on a yearly basis to form assessment and improvement plans for both the program and themselves as supervisors.
Goal 5: To have a well-qualified residency director to provide assistance and direction to the programs in the areas of accreditation, education, growth and recruitment.

Objective 1: The residency supervisor or their representative will attend recruitment meetings at national meetings such as the Academy and AOSA.

Objective 2: The Residency Director will provide assistance and direction to the residency supervisors for annual reviews and accreditation site visits.

Objective 3: The Residency Director will oversee the educational component provided and work with the residency supervisors to assure and maintain the highest quality program, including it’s educational component.

Goal 6: To provide educational support to the residents.

Objective 1: Provide access to informational resources (eg. articles, research, papers, etc.) that will assist the resident in meeting both their clinical and didactic requirements.

Objective 2: Provide the resident with funding for conferences.

Goal 7: To provide networking support to the residents.

Objective 1: Establish a center for networking opportunities in conjunction with the College’s overall strategic plan that residents can access in order to assist and direct them to opportunities where they can utilize their residency training.

Objective 2: Provide resources (eg. an individual or a workshop) on how to best market themselves and their educational background, including how to put together a CV/resume, interview, etc.

Objective 3: Invite guest lecturers of national repute to meet with and/or lecture to the residents, as well as visit their practices.

Goal 8: To provide practice management opportunities and training.

Objective 1: Provide at least one Friday/didactic program on a practice management related issue.

Objective 2: Provide opportunities for the resident to participate in or visit practice settings, including private practices, as it may relate to their area of
training.

Goal 9: To train leaders in their field.

  Objective 1: Assess former residents every few years to determine their involvement on a local, national and international area, as it relates to their area of training.

  Objective 2: Assess former residents every few years to determine local and national organizations for which they are members, fellows, or hold other roles in.

Goal 10: To have the residents become members of national organizations, such as the American Academy of Optometry, American Optometric Association, COVD, etc.

  Objective 1: Provide membership material to the residents from various optometric organizations.

Goal 11: Have a value added mechanism to assess if the resident is achieving advanced clinical competencies.

  Objective 1: Assess pass rate for those taking tests, such as the ACMO or the COVD written exam.