Therapy Residency was instituted. This was the first optometric residency program in the country and the third to receive accreditation status. Since that time, residency programs have the common goal of developing unique skills and competencies in one or more areas of optometric practice. Each program provides a body of knowledge that goes beyond that which is effectively covered in the professional optometric (O.D.) program.

**Cornea & Contact Lens Residency at SUNY**

Supervisor: D. Libassi, OD  
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Position available: 1

**Mission Statement**

The Cornea and Contact Lens residency, sponsored by the State University of New York, College of Optometry, provides qualified optometrists with advanced clinical education in contact lens patient care. The program will provide four main components: a clinical patient care component, a didactic component that provides advanced knowledge in contact lens care; a teaching component that allows for the acquisition of clinical and classroom educator skills; and a research / scholarly activity portion. The resident is scheduled for direct patient care in the areas of anterior segment and specialty contact lens care. Upon completion of the program, the resident will be qualified to provide high level patient care in the areas of contact lenses, corneal disease management, and pre/post corneal surgery. It is expected that the graduating resident should be clinically prepared to engage in collaborative contact lens research, conduct related scholarly activities, and function as an optometric educator in this field.

**Family Practice/Ocular Disease Residency at East NY Diagnostic & Treatment Center and SUNY**

Supervisor: L. Haskes, OD  
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Position available: 1

**Mission Statement**

The residency in urban Family Practice and Ocular Disease Optometry seeks to attract highly qualified optometric graduates who have demonstrated above average entry-level competence in full-scope optometric care and have an interest in community-based practice in an urban locale. This program provides the opportunity for the resident to render continuity of care for patients with a diverse range of eye and vision disorders. Individuals who complete the program will be prepared to develop and operate a full-scope optometric service in an inner-city environment, and have the ability to assume a faculty position at an optometric educational institution.

**Low Vision Residency at SUNY**

Supervisor: R. Marinoff, OD  
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Position available: 1

**Mission Statement**

The Residency in Low Vision Rehabilitation will provide the resident with advanced and concentrated clinical and didactic experience in all aspects of Low Vision Rehabilitation. The resident will be involved in both coordination and consultation of patient care with other rehabilitation, medical, and social services. Individuals who complete the program are expected to be able to deliver a high level of clinical care, serve as teachers in optometric institutions, and serve in a leadership role in optometric and service agencies and organizations involved in low vision care.

**Ocular Disease Residency at SUNY**

Supervisor: S. Bass, OD  
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Positions available: 4

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Residency in Ocular Disease, sponsored by at the State University of New York, College of Optometry, is to offer qualified optometrists advanced training, education and research opportunities in the diagnosis and treatment of ocular disease and to prepare the resident to become a clinical and didactic educator. The program has four parts: 1) a patient care component that assures sufficient numbers of encounters and diversity of conditions in a variety of clinical settings both within the College and at external sites, including a hospital setting 2) a didactic component that provides advanced knowledge in ocular disease 3) a pedagogic component that allows for the acquisition of clinical and classroom teaching skills and 4) a research/scholarly activity portion. The resident participates in patient care in other of the College’s clinical units, on a limited and elective basis. Upon completion of the program, the resident will be qualified to provide high level diagnosis and independent or co-management of ocular diseases in private or in-stitutional settings, engage in self-initiated or collaborative research and related scholarly activities, and function as an optometric educator in this field.

**Ocular Disease Residency at Fromer Eye Centers**

Supervisors: D. Calderon, OD & M. Su, OD  
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Position available: 1

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Residency in Ocular Disease at Fromer Eye Centers is to offer qualified optometrists advanced clinical training and education in the diagnosis and treatment of ocular disease in a private practice environment. The program will prepare the resident to work confidently and efficiently as part of a dynamic team of professionals including ophthalmologists, optometrists, ophthalmic technicians, opticians and administrative personnel.

**Ocular Disease Residency at Atlantic Eye Physicians**

Supervisor: B. Hall, OD  
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Position available: 1

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Residency in Ocular Disease at Atlantic Eye Physicians is to offer qualified optometrists advanced clinical training and education in the diagnosis and treatment of ocular disease in a private practice environment. The program will prepare the resident to work confidently and efficiently as part of a dynamic team of professionals including ophthalmologists, optometrists, ophthalmic technicians, opticians and administrative personnel.
The mission of the NY Harbor Health Care System (Brooklyn/St. Albans) is to afford the opportunity to provide care and visual and visual needs of a middle-aged to elderly population of veterans. Each resident will divide his/her time between primary eye care in a multi-disciplinary setting and an academic setting (Brooklyn campus). Each resident will be expected to diagnose and provide basic care in all aspects of optometry and advanced care in ocular care with an emphasis on glaucoma as a full member of the health care team with the ability to utilize all hospital resources and services. Residents will be prepared to assume academic teaching responsibilities as part of their function in a health care service environment.

Ocular Disease/Primary Care Residency at VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System

Supervisor: J. Jung, OD  Email: Jean.Jung@va.gov
Positions available: 4 (plus 1 Without Compensation)

Mission Statement
The mission of the VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System seeks to attract the best-qualified optometric graduates for advanced optometric training in ocular disease and primary eye care. The residency strives to provide advanced didactic knowledge and concentrated clinical experience in a multi-disciplinary hospital-based setting. Individuals who complete the program are expected to attain a high level of proficiency in the diagnosis and management of ocular diseases; in particular, ocular conditions associated with systemic diseases. Trainees completing the program develop advanced competence in medical optometry. Residents will pursue scholarly activities, develop student mentoring and academic skills and strive toward lifelong learning.

Pediatric Optometry Residency at SUNY

Supervisor: M. Vricula, OD  Email: mvricula@sunyopt.edu
Positions available: 2

Mission Statement
The residency in Pediatric Optometry provides advanced levels of clinical skills, teaching, and the opportunity for scholarly activity. The residency covers the breadth of primary care optometry. Residents will deliver advanced levels of care in group health settings, serve as educators in optometric or related health institutions, and conduct clinical scholarly activity connected with the advancement of knowledge and social change in pediatric vision care for optometry and in the greater community.

Primary Eye Care Residency at SUNY

Supervisor: S. Schuettengberg, OD  Email: sschuettengberg@sunyopt.edu
Positions available: 2

Mission Statement
The Primary Eye Care Optometry Residency at the State University of New York, State College of Optometry, provides an individual with the opportunity to advance in all aspects of Primary Eye Care rendered to a diverse patient population. Opportunities are provided to diagnose, treat and manage a wide variety of patient conditions in various clinical settings (private, hospital, university clinical, and community-based). The residency program provides:

* A broad based patient population, with sufficient numbers of encounters to provide a wide variety of visual system problems, including ocular diseases, and ocular manifestations of systemic diseases.

A pedagogic component that allows for the acquisition of clinical and classroom teaching skills.

Activities and didactic components that allow the resident to increase his/her knowledge base, along with contributing to the literature. When the resident completes the program, they will be qualified to provide a high level of diagnosis and management of ocular diseases, including co-management with appropriate physician referrals in both a private or institutional setting. In addition, the resident will be able to provide advanced care in an institutional setting, as well as participate in and pursue clinical teaching and lecturing.

Primary Care/Ocular Disease Residency at VA New Jersey Healthcare System

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Positions available: 3

Mission Statement
The Optometric Residency program at the Veterans Affairs New Jersey Healthcare System is committed to expanding the knowledge of its residents in the delivery of primary eye care, particularly as it pertains to ocular disease, in addition to providing exposure to low vision. The optometry resident is provided the opportunity to participate in the delivery of health care in a multi-disciplinary hospital-based setting, with both a large outpatient and inpatient population. The resident will work closely with an environment that enhances clinical skills while also fostering the pursuit of scholarly activities.

Primary Care/Ocular Disease Residency at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center

Supervisor: T. Eleff, OD  Email: Teleff@bronxleb.org
Positions available: 4

Mission Statement
The Bronx Lebanon Hospital Optometric Residency in Primary Eye Care/Ocular Care at the Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center (BLHC) Health Care System is to provide the post-doctoral optometrist a rich clinical learning experience through its diverse patient base in the multi-disciplinary setting of the United States and Central Bronx (urban) community. The program builds upon an existing multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary health care settings. This program enables the residents to gain a high level of clinical competency in full scope optometric care as well as acquire advanced didactic education. Graduates of this residency program will have the knowledge and skills to provide comprehensive care, optometric education, and leadership within hospital-based as well as private clinical settings.

Primary Care/Vision Therapy & Low Vision Rehabilitation Residency at Northport VA Medical Center

Supervisor: M. Fischer, OD  Email: Michael.Fischer5@va.gov
Positions available: 4

Mission Statement
The residency in Primary Care/Vision Therapy and Low Vision Advanced Care seeks to attract the best qualified optometry graduates who have demonstrated an interest in training in vision therapy and low vision care. The resident will act as a full member of the interdisciplinary team setting. The resident will be provided with advanced clinical training in low vision and rehabilitative orthoptics, including evaluation and management of patients with acquired brain injury (ABI) and includes rehabilitation, medical, and social service professionals.

Vision Therapy & Rehabilitation at Eye Care Associates

Supervisor: Randy Schumlan, OD  Email: drRANDYschumlan@gmail.com
Positions available: 2

Mission Statement
The residency in vision therapy and rehabilitation seeks to attract the best-qualified candidates and provide them with advanced didactic knowledge and a culmination of skills in the areas of behavioral and pediatric optometric care; vision enhancement and sports vision; with patient encounters including contact lens and ocular disease through a residency program.

Combined Ophthalmology Residency & Graduate Degree (MS or PhD) in Vision Science at SUNY

Supervisor: J. Portello, OD  Email: j.portello@sunyopt.edu
Positions available: 2

Mission Statement
The combined residency program, at the State University of New York, State College of Optometry, provides an individual with the opportunity to obtain advanced clinical competency in an area of optometric care through a residency program, coupled with a graduate degree (masters or PhD) that complements the clinical optometric skills learned in the residency program. The combined program ensures that residents will be provided advanced levels of didactic and scholarly activities to prepare residents for leadership roles within the Optometry profession.

(Military selection not through ORMatch)