Residency Programs

SUNY, College of Optometry has been conducting year-long optometric residencies since 1974, when the in-house Vision Therapy Residency was instituted. This was the first optometric residency program in the country and the third to receive accreditation status. Since that time, the residency programs affiliated with and at the College have expanded to include 18 programs. The residencies are clinically-based, patient care oriented programs. Along with the clinical component there are formal didactic activities which are an integral part of the residency program. All 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
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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, is to offer qualified optometrists 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 patient care 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     Email: haskes@sunyopt.edu
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 to 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 Rehabilitation Residency at SUNY
Supervisor: R. Mannoff, OD     Email: mannoff@sunyopt.edu
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 will be 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     Email: sbass@sunyopt.edu
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 institutional settings, engage in scholarly activities, and function as an optometric educator in this field.

Ocular Disease Residency at Atlantic Eye Physicians
Supervisor: B. Hall, OD     Email: brian.hall.od@gmail.com
Position available: 1
Mission Statement:
The residency at Atlantic Eye Physicians offers outstanding clinical training and professional development in a private practice environment. Our residents enjoy the abundant resources available in a large full scope multispecialty practice and will receive advanced training in comprehensive eye care, emergency eye care, cataract, glaucoma, juvenile, retinal and neuro-ophthalmic disease. The faculty offer expertise in all areas of specialization and are available to the residents for instruction and consultation. The resident will complete the program prepared to provide the highest level of eye care.

Primary Eye Care Residency at SUNY
Supervisor: S. Schuettenberg, OD     Email: schuettenberg@sunyopt.edu
Positions available: 2
Mission Statement:
The Primary Eye Care Optometry residency, at the State University of New York, College of Optometry, provides the highly qualified optometrist 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 visual system problems, including ocular diseases, and ocular manifestations of systemic diseases. The residency program provides:
* A broad based patient population, with sufficient numbers of encounters to supply a wide variety of conditions.
* A pedagogic component that allows for the acquisition of clinical and classroom teaching skills.
* Scholarly activities and didactic components that allow the resident to the resident completes the program, they will be qualified to provide a high level of diagnosis and management of a wide variety of visual disorders/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 and/or academic setting, as well as participate in and pursue clinical teaching and lecturing.

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Ocular Disease/Primary Care Residency at Harbor Health Veterans Affairs Healthcare System
Supervisor: E. Canellos, OD   Email: evan.canellos@va.gov
Positions available: 4
Mission Statement
The mission of the NY Harbor Health Care System (Brooklyn/St. Albans) is to afford the resident training and education to provide for the ocular and visual needs of the middle-aged to elderly population of veterans. Each resident will divide her time between a primary care facility (St. Albans campus) and an acute care facility (Brooklyn campus). Each resident will be expected to diagnose and provide basic care in the management of ocular, primary eye care in inpatient, and outpatient medical and social service settings. Residents will be prepared to assume academic and teaching responsibilities as part of their function in a health care service environment.

Pediatric Optometry Residency at SUNY
Supervisor: M. Vicella, OD   Email: mvicella@sunyopt.edu
Positions available: 2
Mission Statement
The Residency in Pediatric Optometry provides advanced levels of clinical skills, teaching, and opportunity for scholarly activity. The residency covers the breadth of primary and secondary pediatric vision care. Residents of the program will deliver advanced levels of care in group health settings, serve as educators in optometric or related health institutions, and conduct clinical scholarly activity with the goal of professional leadership and social change in pediatric vision care for Optometry and in the greater community.

Vision Rehabilitation (Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation) Residency at Womack Army Medical Center
Supervisor: S. Klein, OD   Email: steven.r.klein.ml@mail.mil
Positions available: 1
Mission Statement
The mission of the Womack Army Medical Center (WAMC) Vision Rehabilitation (Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation) Residency Program is to provide advanced clinical training for military Optometrist in the diagnosis, treatment and vision rehabilitation of patients with acquired brain injury (ABI) in a multidisciplinary hospital-based setting while enhancing traditional primary eye care. In addition, the program strives to provide an active and scholarly activity to prepare residents for leadership roles within the Optometry profession.

Primary Care/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 residency at 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.

Primary Care/Ocular Disease Residency at VA New Jersey Healthcare System
Supervisors: M. Cafero, OD & C. Marques, OD
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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 optometric patient 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. Our program strives to provide the resident with an environment that enhances clinical skills while also fostering the pursuit of scholarly activities.

Primary Care/ Ocular Disease Residency at BronxCare Health System
Supervisor: T. Effel, OD & A. Khatrar, OD
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Positions available: 4
Mission Statement
The mission of the Optometric Residency in Primary Eye Care/Ocular Disease 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 underserved South and Central Bronx communities in both multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary health care settings. This program enables the residents to gain a high level of clinical competency in optometric patient care as well as acquire advanced didactic education. Graduates of this residency program will possess the skills necessary to thrive in the areas of patient 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: S. Patel, OD   Email: Shepard.Patel@va.gov
Positions available: 4
Mission Statement
The mission in Primary Care/Vision Therapy and Low Vision Rehabilitation seeks to attract the best qualified optometry graduates who have demonstrated an interest in rehabilitative modalities, as well as advanced primary care in an 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 sensorimotor deficits, visual sequelae of head trauma and vestibular disorders. In addition, the resident will provide entry level patient care in the diagnosis, treatment and management of ocular diseases. Residents will be involved in multidisciplinary patient care in a VA Medical Center setting. Individuals who complete the program are expected to be able to deliver a high level of clinical care in these areas.

Vision Therapy & Rehabilitation at Eye Care Associates
Supervisor: R. Mozlin, OD   Email: rmozlin@sunyopt.edu
Position available: 4
Mission Statement
The combined Graduate/Residency program, at the State University of New York, 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 experience. Translational research and the direct clinical application will occur while developing and maintaining advanced clinical competencies. Completion of Combined Program and benefits are determined in conjunction with Graduate Programs guidelines.

Vision Rehabilitation (Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation) Residency at SUNY
Supervisor: A. Cohen, OD   Email: acohen@sunyopt.edu
Position available: 1
Mission Statement
The residency in vision rehabilitation and therapy seeks to attract the best qualified candidates and provide them with advanced didactic knowledge and a concentrated clinical experience in optometric vision therapy. Individuals who complete the program are expected to be able to deliver a high level of clinical care in vision therapy, serve as teachers in optometric institutions, and serve the profession of optometry as experts and leaders in the areas of vision therapy and binocular vision.

Combined Optometry Residency & Graduate Degree (MS or PhD) in Vision Science at SUNY
Supervisor: J. Portello, OD   Email: jportello@sunyopt.edu
Position available: 2
Mission Statement
The combined Graduate/Residency program, at the State University of New York, 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 experience. Translational research and the direct clinical application will occur while developing and maintaining advanced clinical competencies. Completion of Combined Program and benefits are determined in conjunction with Graduate Programs guidelines.