The residency programs at the State University of New York, College of Optometry, have been conducting year-long optometric residencies since 1974. This was the first optometric residency program in the country and the third to receive accreditation status. Since that time, the College have expanded to include 19 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.

**Residency Programs**

**Cornea & Contact Lens Residency at SUNY**
- Supervisor: D. Libassi, OD
- Email: dlibassi@sunyopt.edu
- Position available: 1
- Mission Statement
  - The Cornea and Contact Lens residency, sponsored by the State University of New York State College of Optometry, provides qualified optometrists with advanced clinical education and training in 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 didactic teaching skills, and 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.

**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 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 within both 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 diagnoses and independent or co-management of ocular disease in private or institutional settings, engage in scholarly activities, and function as an optometric educator in this field.

**Low Vision Rehabilitation Residency at SUNY**
- Supervisor: R. Marinoff, OD
- Email: marinofff@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 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.

**Family Practice/Ocular Disease Residency at NYC Health + Hospitals / Gotham Health East New York and SUNY**
- Supervisor: L. Haskes, OD
- Email: lhaskes@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 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.

**Ocular Disease Residency at Fromer Eye Centers**
- Supervisor: M. Su, OD & C. Tan OD
- Emails: msu@fromereye.com, ctan@fromereye.com
- 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 management of ocular disease and to 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 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.

**Primary Eye Care Residency at SUNY**
- Supervisor: S. Schuettenberg, OD
- Email: sschuettenberg@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 extend their education and training in an institutional and/or academic setting, as well as participate in and pursue clinical teaching and lecturing.
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 a middle-aged to elderly population, and to develop a cadre of independent vision care practitioners by providing exposure to patient care in a variety of primary care settings, including: private, hospital, university clinical, and community-based settings. This exposure will provide advanced didactic knowledge and a concentrated clinical experience in various patient care settings. 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.

Primary Care/Ocular Disease Residency at VA New Jersey Healthcare System
Supervisor: M. Cafiero, OD  Email: malinda.cafiero@va.gov
Positions available: 4  Mission Statement
The mission of the Ophthalmic Optometry 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 diseases, and providing the resident with the opportunity to participate in the delivery of health care in a multidisciplinary hospital-based setting. The resident will provide the quality care and education in the management of ocular disease and vision rehabilitation while developing and maintaining advanced clinical competencies. (Completion of this residency program will provide the skills necessary to thrive in the areas of professional leadership and social change in pediatric vision care for Optometry and in advanced levels of care in group health settings, serve as educators in optometric teaching, and the opportunity for scholarly activity. The residency covers the breadth in the underserved South and Central Bronx communities in both multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary health care settings. This program will provide the resident with the knowledge base to assume an active role within organized optometry and provide primary eye care and vision rehabilitation for patients with ABI in a variety of clinical settings including: private, hospital, university clinical, and community-based setting.

Vision Therapy & Rehabilitation at Eye Care Associates
Supervisor: R. Schulman, OD  Email: drandyschulman@gmail.com
Position available: 1  Mission Statement
To expand awareness, accessibility and advanced competency in the areas of vision therapy and rehabilitation in a private practice setting. To offer proficiency 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.

Vision Rehabilitation (Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation) Residency at SUNY
Supervisor: M.H.E. Han  Email: nhahn@sunyopt.edu
Position available: 1  Mission Statement
The Residency in Vision Rehabilitation (Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation) provides advanced clinical training in the diagnosis, treatment and vision rehabilitation of patients with acquired brain injury (ABI) that result from trauma, cerebral vascular accident, tumor, aneurysm, and post-surgical complications. The program provides the graduate of vision therapy with a concentrated didactic component in ABI-related primary care and vision rehabilitation. This program is designed to attract the best qualified optometry graduates who have demonstrated an interest in a combined graduate degree (MS or PhD) in Vision Science at SUNY.

Combined Ophthalmology Residency & Graduate Degree (MS or PhD) in Vision Science at SUNY
Supervisor: J. Portello, OD  Email: jportello@sunyopt.edu
Position available: 1  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 this residency program will provide the skills necessary to thrive in the areas of professional leadership and social change in pediatric vision care for Optometry and in advanced levels of care in group health settings, 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.

Pediatric Optometry Residency at SUNY
Supervisor: M. Vicente, OD  Email: mrvicente@sunyopt.edu
Positions available: 2  Mission Statement
The mission of the Pediatric Optometry Residency provides advanced levels of clinical skills, teaching, and the opportunity for scholarly activity. The residency covers the breadth in the underserved South and Central Bronx communities in both multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary health care settings. This program will provide the resident with the knowledge base to assume an active role within organized optometry and provide primary eye care and vision rehabilitation for patients with ABI in a variety of clinical settings including: private, hospital, university clinical, and community-based setting.

Pediatrics/Ocular Disease Residency at BronxCare Health System
Residents: T. Ellef, OD & D. Crane, OD  Email: teleff@bronxleb.org  dcrame@bronxleb.org
Positions available: 4  Mission Statement
The mission of the Ophthalmic Optometry Program in Pediatric Eye Care/Ocular Disease at the BronxCare Health System is to provide the post-doctoral optometrist with a rich clinical learning experience focused on pediatric care in a multidisciplinary setting that will provide the resident with the experience necessary to care for patients in all ages. The BronxCare Health System offers a diverse patient base in the underserved South and Central Bronx communities in both multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary health care settings. This program will provide the resident with the knowledge base to assume an active role within organized optometry and provide primary eye care and vision rehabilitation for patients with ABI in a variety of clinical settings including: private, hospital, university clinical, and community-based setting.

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