

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 Provide 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 Accreditation Council on Optometric Education, 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 that train an individual to achieve advanced clinical competencies.

Goal 4: To have well qualified residency supervisors.

Objective 1: Evaluation of the residency supervisors two times per year by the resident.

Objective 2: Meet with the supervisors on a yearly basis to form assessment and

improvement plans for both the program and their role 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 Director or a representative will attend recruitment opportunities at national meetings such as the American Academy of Optometry and American Optometric Student Association.

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 program's educational component and work with the residency supervisor to assure and maintain the highest quality clinical education program.

Goal 6: To provide educational support to the residents.

Objective 1: Provide the resident with resources to assist in meeting their pursuit of evidence based practice.

Objective 2: Provide funding, as available, to support residents who present at conferences.