

## **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.