

What Makes the SUNY residency in Neuro-optometric Rehabilitation Unique (NORT)

1. Fully accredited by COE
2. Clinical experience is fully dedicated to NORT management of patients who have “brain filtering deficits” such as ABI/TBI, stroke, brain tumors, vestibular, disequilibrium and visually related balance issues, and other neurological issues affecting visual information processing
3. Our unit utilizes a Team Approach comprised of 4th year students, social work service, residents, experienced supervisors and support staff. Our residents learn the concepts of billing, report writing and forensic optometry. This concept provides our resident with the working experience utilized in rehabilitative facilities as well as private practice setting
4. State of the art diagnostic and therapy equipment
5. Our resident gains experience in networking with other health care providers by participating external rotations to other rehab centers as well as interacting with residents from these programs who rotate through our program
6. As a result of the high volume of patients referred to our program (See annual review report), on completion of this residency program, our resident gains the clinical experience to manage patients with brain processing with a high level of confidence and competence
 - a. We are a referral Center:
 - Referral relationships with major medical centers and rehabilitation centers in the NY City and vicinity
 - Referrals from optometrists and other health care professionals
7. A strong educational program:
 - Mini ABI/NORT seminar (12 hours)
 - Weekly clinical seminars
 - External rotations to inter-professional rehabilitation programs
 - Experienced NORT clinical faculty
 - Organized weekly educational program which includes grand rounds, rotations observing other affiliated programs and educational seminars (Friday Program)
 - Writer’s workshop to help our resident to prepare for writing mandatory case reports/posters, publishable paper and minor and major educational presentation
 - Daily interaction with residents and staff involved in all specialty units in our visual rehabilitation service such as optometric visual therapy, low vision, learning disabilities unit etc.
8. Foundational experience to be a clinical educator by supervising and mentoring 3rd and 4th year students in our unit