

**SUNY, State College of Optometry  
Residency Program Information Sheet  
Prospective Candidates (2023-2024)**

**Compensation:** SUNY Salaried Programs: \$43,170 (includes location stipend)  
 SUNY Combined Residency & Graduate Program: \$43,170 (includes location stipend)  
 VA-Based Programs: \$51,053 (includes location stipend)  
 BronxCare Based Residency Programs: \$53,962.50 / Flaum Eye Institute: \$45,000  
 Fromer Eye Centers: \$43,000 / Atlantic Eye Physicians: \$45,000/ EyeCare Associates: \$44,000  
 Military Based Residency Program: Military Pay  
 (Resident salary is not contingent on productivity)

**Duration:** For Residency: July 1 - June 30  
 For Combined Residency & Graduate Program: 1 year residency equivalent over 2 years

**Weekly Hours:** SUNY Salaried Programs: 40 hours (includes Saturday)  
 VA/BronxCare/ Fromer Eye Centers/ EyeCare Associates/ Atlantic Eye Physicians: 40 hours  
 Military Based Residency Program/ Flaum Eye Institute: 45 hours

**On-call Responsibilities:** Hudson Valley VA: WHEN (Weekends, Holidays, Evenings, Nights) - rotating monthly basis with other residents/Northport VA: 1-2 weeks per month/Fromer Eye: 2 months per year/BronxCare: 3-4 days per month, rotating basis/SUNY Salaried Programs: Approximately 4 weeks per year rotating with other residents. Currently SUNY on-call consists of phone triage/EyeCare Associates: once monthly/Atlantic Eye Physicians: 8 weeks per year on a rotating schedule/Flaum Eye Institute: Add on urgent patients during regular business hours, no evening or weekend call

**Benefits:**

Leave	Sick	Annual	Regular
SUNY Residencies	1.25 days/month	1.25 days/month	
SUNY Combined Residency & Graduate Program	5 days/year	7 days/year	
Military			15 days/year
Atlantic Eye Physicians, NJ			15 days/year
VA	13 days/year*	13 days/year*	
BronxCare Residencies			29 day/year*
Fromer Eye		1.25 days/month	
EyeCare Associates, CT	2 days/year	14 days/year	
Flaum Eye Institute	56 hours/year	10 days/year	

\*Time accrued during each pay period. Amount shown represents yearly accrual. Educational Time to attend major meetings (based on local policy approval)

**Health Benefits:** Health benefits provided for all residents based on site specific/local policy

**Professional Liability:** Provided by individual residency sites

**Requirements for SUNY & SUNY Affiliated Residency Programs:**

**General requirements for all Residency Programs:**

- \*OD degree from an Accreditation Council on Optometric Education accredited school or college of optometry
- \*Successful completion of Parts 1, 2, 3 with TMOD of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry
- \*Prospective residents on a FI visa should apply for an OPT visa 90 days prior to date of graduation & provide proof of application
- \*All residents affiliated with SUNY College of Optometry are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID, and once eligible, receive any booster or supplemental dose as required by the CDC, absent receipt of a medical exemption.

**SUNY salaried Programs & non VA/Military Affiliated Programs:**

- \*State Licensure (state where residency program is based) obtained prior to or by July 1 program start date
- \*All persons appointed to the staff of the SUNY College of Optometry are required to provide, on the first day of work, written documentation that they have authorization to work in the United States.

**Combined Residency & Graduate Program:** Must also meet Graduate Program requirements

**Veteran Administration/Military Residency Programs:**

- \*United States Citizen (unless it is a without compensation position at the Hudson Valley VA)
- \*Licensed Optometrist for Military based residency
- \*Licensure before completion (June 30) of the VA residency

Note: Applicants are encouraged to have completed boards with results prior to ORMatch.

**Requirements for Completion of Program:**

- \* Fulfillment of the academic obligation/didactic component
- \* Present a minor (20 minute) and a major (50 minute equivalent 1 hour COPE approve lecture)
- \* Publishable quality paper
- \* Maintenance and completion of supervisor evaluation, patient logs, etc.
- \* Meeting professional and clinical responsibilities
- \* Meet advanced competencies as delineated by individual program
- \* Fulfillment of terms of employment
- \* Any program specific requirements, attendance, and satisfactory clinical and professional achievements

**SUNY's "Friday Program": A Unique Feature of SUNY Residency**

Unique to SUNY residency programs is the "Friday Program," or didactic program that includes various topical presentations, workshops and grand rounds. Residents from all programs, including affiliate and SUNY-salaried, participate in this program. These programs are usually scheduled on Fridays, but may be scheduled on other days of the week depending on lecture schedule and lecturers' availability. (The time for the educational component may overlap, but can be in addition to, the normal work week hours.)

Residency Program Name	Category Title (Emphasis Area)	Supervisor	Contact Information	# of Positions
Cornea/Contact Lens, SUNY (NY, NY)	Cornea & Contact Lens Residency (Anterior Segment & Ocular Disease)	D. Libassi, OD	<a href="mailto:dlibassi@sunyopt.edu">dlibassi@sunyopt.edu</a>	1
Community Health/Ocular Disease, NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health East New York/SUNY (Brooklyn, NY)	Primary Care Residency (Ocular Disease & Community Health Optometry)	L. Haskes, OD	<a href="mailto:lhaskes@sunyopt.edu">lhaskes@sunyopt.edu</a>	1
Low Vision Rehabilitation, SUNY (NY, NY)	Vision Rehabilitation Residency (Low Vision Rehabilitation)	R. Marinoff, OD	<a href="mailto:rmarinoff@sunyopt.edu">rmarinoff@sunyopt.edu</a>	1
Ocular Disease, SUNY (NY, NY)	Ocular Disease Residency (Glaucoma & Retina)	S. Bass, OD	<a href="mailto:sbass@sunyopt.edu">sbass@sunyopt.edu</a>	4
Ocular Disease, Fromer Eye Centers (Bronx, NY)	Ocular Disease Residency (Cornea & Contact Lens and Refractive & Ocular Surgery)	M. Su, OD J. Nguyen, OD	<a href="mailto:msu@fromereye.com">msu@fromereye.com</a> <a href="mailto:jnuygen@fromereye.com">jnuygen@fromereye.com</a>	2
Ocular Disease, Atlantic Eye Physicians (Eatontown, NJ)	Ocular Disease Residency (Primary Care)	B. Hall, OD	<a href="mailto:Brian.hall.od@gmail.com">Brian.hall.od@gmail.com</a>	2
Ocular Disease, Flaum Eye Institute (Rochester, NY)	Ocular Disease Residency (Primary Care)	B. Donaher, OD J. DaSilva, OD	<a href="mailto:brooke_donaher@urmc.rochester.edu">brooke_donaher@urmc.rochester.edu</a> <a href="mailto:jessica_dasilva@urmc.rochester.edu">jessica_dasilva@urmc.rochester.edu</a>	2
Primary Eye Care/Ocular Disease, Harbor Health VA (Brooklyn NY)	Primary Care Residency (Ocular Disease & Glaucoma)	M. D'Amura, OD	<a href="mailto:michelle.d'amura@va.gov">michelle.d'amura@va.gov</a>	4
Pediatric Optometry, SUNY (NY, NY)	Pediatric Residency	M. Vricella, OD	<a href="mailto:mvrlicella@sunyopt.edu">mvrlicella@sunyopt.edu</a>	2
Pediatric/Ocular Disease, BronxCare Health System (Bronx, NY)	Pediatric Residency (Primary Care & Ocular Disease)	A. Pelowski, OD D. Crane, OD	<a href="mailto:apelowsk@bronxcare.org">apelowsk@bronxcare.org</a> <a href="mailto:dcrane@bronxcare.org">dcrane@bronxcare.org</a>	1
Primary Eye Care/Ocular Disease, VA New Jersey Health Care System (East Orange, NJ)	Primary Care Residency (Ocular Disease & Low Vision Rehabilitation)	M. Cafiero, OD	<a href="mailto:malinda.cafiero@va.gov">malinda.cafiero@va.gov</a>	3
Ocular Disease/Primary Care Optometry, BronxCare Health System (Bronx, NY)	Ocular Disease Residency (Primary Care)	A. Khattar-Sullivan, OD	<a href="mailto:akhattar@bronxcare.org">akhattar@bronxcare.org</a>	3
Primary Eye Care/Ocular Disease, VA Hudson Valley (Montrose, NY)	Primary Care Residency (Ocular Disease)	J. Jung, OD	<a href="mailto:Jean.jung@va.gov">Jean.jung@va.gov</a>	4 (plus 1 Without Compensation)
Primary Eye Care/Vision Therapy and Low Vision Rehabilitation, Northport VA (Northport, NY)	Primary Care Residency (Ocular Disease & Vision Rehabilitation)	S. Patel, OD	<a href="mailto:Shephali.patel@va.gov">Shephali.patel@va.gov</a>	4
Primary Eye Care, SUNY (NY, NY)	Primary Care Residency (Ocular Disease)	S. Schuettenberg, OD	<a href="mailto:sschuettenberg@sunyopt.edu">sschuettenberg@sunyopt.edu</a>	2
Dr. Irwin B. Suchoff Residency Program in Vision Therapy & Rehabilitation, SUNY (NY, NY)	Vision Rehabilitation Residency (Vision Therapy & Vision Rehabilitation)	L. Strawn, OD	<a href="mailto:lstrawn@sunyopt.edu">lstrawn@sunyopt.edu</a>	4
Vision Therapy & Rehabilitation, EyeCare Associates (Southport, CT)	Vision Rehabilitation Residency (Vision Therapy & Vision Rehabilitation & Brain Injury Rehabilitation)	R. Schulman, OD	<a href="mailto:drrandyschulman@gmail.com">drrandyschulman@gmail.com</a>	2
Vision Rehabilitation (Brain Injury) SUNY (NY, NY)	Vision Rehabilitation (Brain Injury Rehabilitation)	M. E. Han, OD	<a href="mailto:mhan@sunyopt.edu">mhan@sunyopt.edu</a>	1
Vision Rehabilitation (Brain Injury), Womack Army Medical Center (Fort Bragg, NC) (Military selection not through ORMatch)	Vision Rehabilitation (Brain Injury Rehabilitation)	A. Peterson, OD	<a href="mailto:aaron.s.peterson17.mil@health.mil">aaron.s.peterson17.mil@health.mil</a>	1
Combined Optometry Residency & Graduate Degree in Vision Science SUNY (NY, NY) (see website for program specific application process)	Category: Complements Graduate Research	J. Portello, OD	<a href="mailto:jportello@sunyopt.edu">jportello@sunyopt.edu</a>	2

For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.sunyopt.edu/residency>