

**SUNY, State College of Optometry
Residency Program Information Sheet
Prospective Candidates (2026-2027)**

Compensation: (Resident salary is not contingent on productivity)

Programs	Salary	Notes
SUNY Salaried Programs	\$48,743	\$44,743 base + \$4,000 location stipend
SUNY Combined Residency & Graduate Program	\$48,743	
VA-Based Programs	\$52,920	includes location stipend
BronxCare Based Residency Programs	\$53,962.50	Add'l \$15,000 for required on-call hrs
SUNY Upstate Medical University/EyeCare Associates	\$52,000	
Flaum Eye Institute	\$60,000	
Atlantic Eye Physicians	\$51,500	

Duration: For all Residency Programs (Except Combined Residency): July 1 - June 30 (1 Year)
For Combined Residency & Graduate Program: 1-year residency equivalent over 2 years

Weekly Hours:

Programs	Weekly Hours
SUNY Salaried Programs	40 hours (includes Saturday)
Flaum Eye Institute	45 hours
All other Affiliated Programs	40 hours

On-call Responsibilities:

Programs	On-Call Requirements
Hudson Valley VA	WHEN (Weekends, Holidays, Evenings, Nights) - rotating monthly basis with other residents
Northport VA	1-2 weeks per month
BronxCare Programs	3-4 days per month, rotating basis
EyeCare Associates	4 Sundays per year
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 on-call)
SUNY Salaried Programs	Approx. 4 weeks per year rotating with other residents (Currently SUNY on-call consists of phone triage)

Benefits:			
Leave	Sick	Annual	Regular
SUNY Residencies	1.25 days/mon	1.25 days/month	
SUNY Combined Residency & Graduate Program	5 days/year	5 days/yr for clinic days(not payable upon termination)	
Atlantic Eye Physicians, NJ			15 days/yr
VA-Based Programs	13 days/year*	13 days/year*	
BronxCare Residencies			29 day/yr*
EyeCare Associates, CT	2 days/year	14 days/year	
Flaum Eye Institute	56 hours/year	22 days/year	
SUNY Upstate Medical University	56 hours/year*	15 days/year	

Educational Time to attend major meetings based on local policy approval

*Time accrued during each pay period/amount shown represents yearly accrual

Health Benefits	Health benefits provided for all residents based on site specific/local policy
Professional Liability	Provided by individual residency sites

Prerequisites for SUNY & SUNY Affiliated Residency Programs:

General prerequisites for participating in Residency Programs at or affiliated with SUNY:

- 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 F1 visa should apply for an OPT visa 90 days prior to date of graduation & provide proof of application

SUNY salaried Programs & non-VA Affiliated Programs:

- Must be eligible for State Licensure (state(s) where residency program is based) 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 Residency Programs:

- United States Citizen (unless it is a without compensation position at the Hudson Valley VA)
- Licensure before completion (June 30) of the VA residency

ORMatch: All programs participate ORMatch. 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).

Non-Discrimination Policy: SUNY, College of Optometry, and its affiliated programs, are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Residency Program Name	Category Title (Emphasis Area)	Supervisor	Contact Information	# of Positions
Cornea/Contact Lens , SUNY (NY, NY)	Cornea & Contact Lens Residency (<i>Anterior Segment; Ocular Disease</i>)	D. Libassi, OD	dlibassi@sunyopt.edu	1
Community Health/Ocular Disease , NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health East New York/SUNY (Brooklyn, NY)	Primary Care Residency (<i>Ocular Disease; Community Health Optometry</i>)	J. Widell, OD	jwidell@sunyopt.edu	1
Low Vision Rehabilitation , SUNY (NY, NY)	Low Vision Rehabilitation Residency (<i>Ocular Disease</i>)	R. Marinoff, OD	rmarinoff@sunyopt.edu	1
Ocular Disease , SUNY (NY, NY)	Ocular Disease Residency (<i>Glaucoma; Retina</i>)	S. Bass, OD	sbass@sunyopt.edu	4
Ocular Disease , Atlantic Eye Physicians (Eatontown, NJ)	Ocular Disease Residency (<i>Primary Care</i>)	B. Hall, OD	brian.hall.od@gmail.com	3
Ocular Disease , Flaum Eye Institute (Rochester, NY)	Ocular Disease Residency (<i>Primary Care</i>)	J. DaSilva, OD	jessica_dasilva@urmc.rochester.edu	2
Ocular Disease , SUNY Upstate Medical University (Syracuse, NY)	Ocular Disease Residency (<i>Primary Care</i>)	M. Abazaga, OD	abazagam@upstate.edu	1
Primary Eye Care/Ocular Disease , Harbor Health VA (Brooklyn NY)	Primary Care Residency (<i>Ocular Disease; Glaucoma</i>)	M. D'Amura, OD	michelle.d'amura@va.gov	4
Pediatric Optometry , SUNY (NY, NY)	Pediatric Residency	M. Vricella, OD	mvrlicella@sunyopt.edu	2
Pediatric/Ocular Disease , BronxCare Health System (Bronx, NY)	Pediatric Residency (<i>Primary Care; Ocular Disease</i>)	A. Pelowski, OD D. Crane, OD	apelowsk@bronxcare.org dcrane@bronxcare.org	1
Primary Eye Care/Ocular Disease , VA New Jersey Health Care System (East Orange, NJ)	Primary Care Residency (<i>Ocular Disease; Low Vision Rehabilitation</i>)	M. Cafiero, OD	malinda.cafiero@va.gov	3
Ocular Disease/Primary Care Optometry , BronxCare Health System (Bronx, NY)	Ocular Disease Residency (<i>Primary Care</i>)	A. Khattar-Sullivan, OD	akhattar@bronxcare.org	3
Primary Eye Care/Ocular Disease , VA Hudson Valley (Montrose, NY)	Primary Care Residency (<i>Ocular Disease</i>)	L. Feroli, OD J. Jung, OD	Lauren.Feroli@va.gov Jean.jung@va.gov	4 (plus 1 Without Compensation)
Primary Eye Care/Vision Therapy and Low Vision Rehabilitation , Northport VA (Northport, NY)	Primary Care Residency (<i>Ocular Disease; Vision Rehabilitation</i>)	S. Patel, OD	Shephali.patel@va.gov	4
Primary Eye Care , SUNY (NY, NY)	Primary Care Residency (<i>Ocular Disease</i>)	A. Steinway, OD J. Hue, OD	asteinway@sunyopt.edu jhue@sunyopt.edu	2
Dr. Irwin B. Suchoff Vision Rehabilitation Program in Vision Therapy & Rehabilitation , SUNY (NY, NY)	Vision Rehabilitation Residency (<i>Vision Therapy & Vision Rehabilitation</i>)	L. Strawn, OD	lstrawn@sunyopt.edu	4
Vision Therapy & Rehabilitation , EyeCare Associates (Southport, CT)	Vision Rehabilitation Residency (<i>Vision Therapy & Vision Rehabilitation; Brain Injury Rehabilitation</i>)	R. Schulman, OD	drrandyschulman@gmail.com	2
Vision Rehabilitation (Brain Injury) SUNY (NY, NY)	Vision Rehabilitation (Brain Injury Rehabilitation)	M. E. Han, OD	mhan@sunyopt.edu	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	jportello@sunyopt.edu	2

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

For SUNY residency programs, ACOE (www.theacoe.org or email: accredit@theacoe.org) is the accrediting body.