

# Residency in Primary Care Optometry with an emphasis in Ocular Disease

## Eye Institute of the Rosenberg School of Optometry

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Program Mission

The mission of the Residency in Primary Care Optometry at the Rosenberg School of Optometry is to provide advanced clinical training in a context of faith and service for post-graduate optometrists with an emphasis on the management of patients with ocular conditions as part of a multidisciplinary team, allowing residents upon completion of the program to pursue professional opportunities which require a high level of clinical expertise.

#### Program Goals

The goals of the program include the following:

- Strengthen the resident's clinical skills and to gain confidence in working with patients presenting with a variety of ocular disease conditions as part of an interdisciplinary team
- Develop the resident's optometric knowledge in clinical diagnosis and management
- Provide the resident with experience in clinical and didactic teaching. The resident will be prepared to enter a career in academics and/or advanced clinical practice.
- Engage the resident in scholarly activities including research.

<b>Program Length</b>	12 months (53 weeks)
<b>Start Date</b>	July 1
<b>Positions</b>	2
<b>Compensation</b>	\$37, 565
<b>Hours Per Week</b>	40
<b>Accreditation Status</b>	Accredited
<b>Application Deadline</b>	January 30
<b>ORMatch Matching Service</b>	Yes

#### Program Description

The resident will provide optometric care to patients with a diverse range of conditions in the Eye Institute of the Rosenberg School of Optometry and its affiliated clinics, with an emphasis on developing skill and confidence in the management of ocular disease. The resident will also have the opportunity to fit specialty contact lenses and see pediatric patients. The resident shall also rotate through various

external clinics in the San Antonio area that are affiliated with the Rosenberg School of Optometry, including Retina and Uveitis Consultants of Texas, South Texas Eye Institute, and William E. Sponsel, MD, encompassing retina, cornea, and glaucoma subspecialties respectively. The resident shall also have opportunities to participate in clinical research and a variety of didactic and seminar programs on topics related to clinical optometry including delivering continuing education lectures. The resident has the opportunity to work with a faculty mentor to develop and deliver lectures on the topics of ocular disease and to teach advanced skills to fourth-year optometry students. Lastly, in keeping with the University of the Incarnate Word's founding mission, residents are encouraged to participate in RSO's international missions program to Latin America where they work should-to-shoulder with other healthcare professionals and subspecialties to prevent blindness in underserved communities and they share their experience at regional and local symposiums.

### **Educational Opportunities**

Directly supervised patient care experiences in primary care, low vision, contact lens, surgical procedures, and pediatrics. Participation in seminars and journal clubs. The resident is encouraged to attend UIW RSO sponsored continuing education events and national optometric conferences. Also, close interaction with clinical faculty in varied clinical settings provides the resident with enhanced clinical skills and knowledge base. Moreover, there is the opportunity for participation in optometric research, if the resident desires.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Candidates must earn the degree of Doctor of Optometry from a school or college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education before the starting date of the residency.
2. Candidates must have passed the NBEO Part I and have taken Part II by the application deadline. The selected candidate must have passed Part II and be scheduled to sit for Part III.
3. Candidates must be eligible to be licensed as a therapeutic optometrist in the State of Texas.
4. Candidates must receive full unrestricted clinical privileges at the Eye Institute of the Rosenberg School of Optometry.

### **Certificate of Completion**

A certificate of completion will be awarded to the resident upon satisfactory completion of residency requirements. The completion requirements of the program are:

- Completed publishable quality paper (research paper, literature review, case report)
- Deliver one presentation on an optometric topic
- Submission of all residency evaluation forms (activity logs, exit evaluations)
- The resident is qualified to see patients independently under the Rosenberg School of Optometry Resident Supervision policy
- Successful completion of NBEO Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3

## **RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE**

### **Scholarly Activities**

The resident is also required to write at least one paper of publishable quality by the end of the residency. Residents participate in journal clubs, grand rounds, and seminar programs. Opportunities to participate in research studies exist for those residents with an interest in clinical research.

### **Lecturing and Teaching**

The resident is required to make one presentation on an optometric topic. This may take any of several possible forms, including a faculty seminar, continuing education lecture, guest lecture in an optometry course, or a paper or poster presentation at an academic meeting. The resident will also participate in the education of optometry students in the clinical procedures laboratory and the primary care clinic of the School.

### **Clinical Privileges**

Residents must apply for and be granted clinical privileges by the UIW Eye Institute to be able to participate in the residency program. Residents are required to be supervised as per the Rosenberg School of Optometry Resident Supervision Policy. The Residency Program Supervisor must evaluate and monitor the resident's level of training, which determines the resident's privileges.

### **Continuing Education**

Residents can attend continuing education sponsored by the Rosenberg School of Optometry at no charge for credit hours. The resident is encouraged to attend at least one major national educational meeting during the year. A \$1000 travel stipend is available to the resident to help defray the cost of attending a national educational conference.

## **WORKSITE**

The resident will typically work at the UIW Eye Institute and its affiliated clinics in the San Antonio area, including the Bowden Eye and Health Care Institute, and the CommuniCare network of medical centers. The resident shall also rotate through various external specialty clinics throughout the residency program, including the previously listed ophthalmology group practices, and a contact lens practice at Fort Sam Houston military base.

### **Employment Benefits**

The resident receives employment benefits through the University of the Incarnate Word. These include health insurance, professional liability insurance, paid vacation, paid holidays, and paid sick leave. Residents receive 80 hours of paid vacation leave and 40 hours paid sick leave per year. There are also 9 paid holidays annually. Also, residents receive 5 days of professional leave and a \$1000 travel stipend to assist with attending a national optometric conference.

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