

Residency in Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy & Vision Rehabilitation

Eye Institute of the Rosenberg School of Optometry

Rosenberg School of Optometry
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Mission

The mission of the Residency in Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy & Vision Rehabilitation at the Rosenberg School of Optometry is to provide advanced clinical training for post-graduate optometrists with a primary emphasis in primary pediatric eye care and a secondary emphasis in vision therapy. Residents will acquire advanced training and knowledge related to the evaluation and management of pediatric conditions, binocular vision dysfunction, and childhood development with additional experience managing functional vision and visual perceptual deficits through treatment with vision therapy. The combination of clinical, didactic, and scholarly activities will prepare the resident for professional opportunities in pediatric eye care and binocular vision rehabilitation which require a high level of clinical expertise.

Program Goals

1. Provide a diverse and extensive clinical experience to enhance the resident's skills and confidence providing pediatric eye care.
2. Develop the technical skills required for the diagnosis and management of patients with complex visual dysfunctions.
3. Enhance the resident's knowledge and critical thinking skills for the diagnosis, management, and treatment of patients with complex visual dysfunctions.
4. Engage the resident in professional and scholarly activities related to pediatric eye care, visual development, and vision therapy.
5. Enhance communication skills relevant to the optometric profession and visual development.
6. Engage the resident in clinical and didactic teaching.
7. Select a resident through an impartial process.

Program Length	12 months (53 weeks)
Start Date	Last Monday in June
Positions	1
Compensation	\$37, 565
Hours Per Week	40
Accreditation Status	Accredited
Application Deadline	January 31
ORMatch Matching Service	Yes

Program Description

The resident will provide optometric care to pediatric 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 pediatric conditions and vision therapy services. In addition, the resident will have the opportunity to participate in clinical research and a variety of didactic and seminar programs on topics related to clinical and pediatric optometry.

Educational Opportunities

The resident will participate in supervised direct and indirect patient care in the pediatric, vision therapy, and neuro-optometric rehabilitation clinics. Participation in seminars, journal clubs, and teaching opportunities in both the clinical and didactic setting is also expected. The resident is encouraged to attend UIW RSO sponsored continuing education events and national optometric conferences including the annual College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) meeting. In addition, close interaction with clinical faculty in varied clinical settings will provide the resident with enhanced clinical skills and a broad knowledge base regarding pediatric eye care, vision development, and vision therapy. 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 prior to the starting date of the residency.
2. Candidates must have taken or be scheduled to take NBEO Parts 1 and 2. The **selected** candidate must also have taken or be scheduled to sit for NBEO Part 3.
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 at least one lecture in the pediatric optometry course
- Prepare a presentation or poster for submission to a faculty seminar, continuing education lecture, or academic meeting
- 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 required to write at least one paper of publishable quality by the end of the residency. Residents also participate in journal club, 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 present at least one lecture in the pediatric optometry course and will assist in select sections of the pediatric and vision therapy lab courses throughout the year. The resident will also prepare a paper or poster presentation to be submitted for presentation at a faculty seminar, continuing education lecture, or academic meeting. The resident will also precept for optometry students in the pediatric and vision therapy clinics at the RSO Eye and Vision Care Clinic and the UIW Bowden Eye Care and Health Institute.

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 are able to 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 with a preferred emphasis on developmental optometry or vision therapy. 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. The resident may also participate in off-site vision screenings at schools located in the San Antonio area or take advantage of RSO's mission program, which travels to various countries in South America to provide eyecare for those in need.

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 paid vacation leave and 40 hours hours paid sick leave per year. There are also 9 paid holidays annually. In addition, residents receive 5 days of professional leave and a \$1000 travel stipend to assist with attending a national optometric conference.

Application Procedure

Application is through the Optometry Residency Match (ORMatch)

1. Visit ORMatch website <http://www.natmatch.com/ormatch> and submit your application
2. Contact the program coordinator to state your interest in applying
3. Send your curriculum vitae and brief letter of interest regarding your desire to complete this residency program to the program coordinator **no later than January 31.**
4. Arrange to have the following sent to the program coordinator by January 31:
 - a. Official transcripts from optometry school
 - b. Official NBEO transcript
 - c. Minimum of three letters of recommendation from clinical faculty familiar with the clinical abilities of the applicant
5. On site interviews/video conference will be conducted based upon the quality of the credentials and application information
6. After completing the interview process, complete the ORMatch Applicant's Ranking Form. Be sure to submit this on or before the ORMatch designated deadline.

CALL OR EMAIL TODAY

For additional information about this residency opportunity, please contact:

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