

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 poster presentations and manuscript preparation

Contact the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) at aacredit@theacoe.org or 1-800-365-2219. Click [here](#) for more information about accreditation or optometric residency programs.

Program Length	12 months (53 weeks)
Start Date	Last week of June
Positions	2
Compensation	\$37, 565
Hours Per Week	40
Accreditation Status	ACOE Accredited
Application Deadline	January 30
ORMatch Matching Service	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. The resident shall also have opportunities to participate in a variety of didactic and seminar programs on topics related to clinical optometry including delivering 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 programs where they work shoulder-to-shoulder with other healthcare professionals and subspecialties to prevent blindness in underserved communities.

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.

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 be eligible to be licensed as a therapeutic optometrist in the State of Texas.
3. 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

RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE

Scholarly Activities

The resident is 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 may exist 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 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 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. The resident shall also rotate through various external specialty clinics throughout the residency program, including ophthalmology group practices.

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.

CALL OR EMAIL TODAY

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