

TO CARE FOR HIM
WHO SHALL HAVE
BORNE THE BATTLE,
AND FOR HIS WIDOW
AND HIS ORPHAN...

Abraham Lincoln



VA OPTOMETRY RESIDENCIES

The Department of Veterans Affairs has the largest optometric clinical training program in the United States. There are over 80 COE accredited post-graduate residents and more than 550 optometry students who obtain clinical training annually. Former VA residents are among the nation's most successful and nationally recognized individuals within the profession.

In today's changing health care environment, it is important to plan for the future. All current indicators suggest that the demand for optometrists with residency training will continue to increase. Already, many of the best jobs require post-graduate residency certification.

Regardless of ultimate career goals, a VA residency can be an excellent "stepping stone." The opportunity to acquire an outstanding position within a practice or an HMO is enhanced by having completed a VA residency. Prior VA residents are also given preference for VA staff positions. Many others have obtained faculty appointments at a School or College of Optometry due to their VA residency credentials.

UNIQUE BENEFITS OF A VA RESIDENCY

- An outstanding 12 month (July 1-June 30) clinical patient care experience serving a challenging and rewarding veteran population
- A stimulating interdisciplinary environment where the resident learns to coordinate quality primary optometric eye care services with other health care providers to maximize patient care outcomes and learning experiences
- Research and academic opportunities mentored by experienced clinicians who are among the most published optometrists worldwide.
- Opportunity for emphasis in either Primary Eye Care or combined Primary Eye Care/Rehabilitative Optometry
- Vacation, national holidays, and sick days along with authorized absence for approved continuing education
- Competitive annual stipend; currently \$25,750

Each VA residency program is unique as experiences and opportunities are different at each site. More specific residency program information can be obtained by contacting the individual sites.

RESIDENCY IN PRIMARY EYE CARE

In Primary Eye Care residency programs, the resident is part of an interdisciplinary team working to provide high quality patient care. In most programs, opportunities exist for clinical rotations, grand rounds, and other academic and didactic experiences.

RESIDENCY IN PRIMARY EYE CARE/REHABILITATIVE OPTOMETRY

In addition to the primary eye care opportunities described above, the Primary Eye Care/Rehabilitative Optometry resident is exposed to a professional team of highly qualified providers with unique skills for care of visually impaired veterans. These residencies offer intense low vision and rehabilitation training at nationally recognized vision rehabilitation centers.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, have passed National Boards, and have received a Doctor of Optometry degree from an accredited School or College of Optometry by July 1 of the residency year. Prior to residency completion, the applicant is expected to obtain state licensure.

APPLICATION

Transcripts, NBEO scores, letters of recommendation, and on-site interviews are factors considered for acceptance to a residency program. The application must be made through ORMS (Optometry Residency Matching Service, Inc.) on or before February 1.

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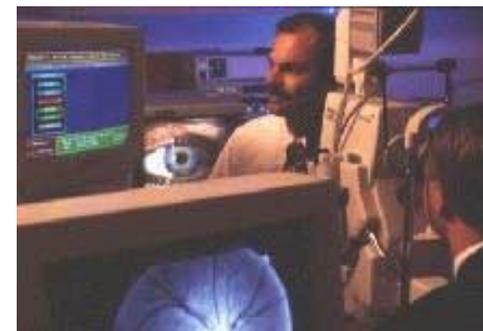
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