

General Information

Residency Program Supervisor

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Duration of Agreement

July 1 through June 30

Number of Positions

One (1) residency position available each year

Annual Salary

Periodically adjusted by the Office of Academic Affairs VHA, please contact the program supervisor for current salary information.

Hours

The eye clinic is open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm. The resident will be expected to attend regular clinic hours.

Leave

Residents earn thirteen days paid annual leave and thirteen days paid sick leave per year. There are also ten paid Federal Holidays annually.

Professional Liability Protection

VA residents are protected by the Federal Government in instances of alleged malpractice or negligence resulting from performance of their duties in or for the Veterans Health Administration.

Health Insurance Benefits

The VA provides full medical health insurance to residents.

Certificate of Completion

A certificate of completion will be awarded to the resident upon satisfactory completion of residency requirements.

Program Goals

1. Strengthen primary care and vision care skills.
2. Enhance skills in treating the geriatric population.
3. Increase knowledge and skill in co-management of medical-surgical eye conditions.
4. Integrate the resident into a multidisciplinary care team.
5. Stimulate an appreciation for scholarly activities and the role of an educator.

Week in the Life of A Resident

MONDAY	Eye Clinic
TUESDAY	Spokane Eye Clinic (Ophthalmology Rotation)
WEDNESDAY	Eye Clinic
THURSDAY	AM Medical Service Meeting Multidisciplinary Clinic Rotations
FRIDAY	AM Eye Clinic Meeting PM Eye Clinic

Residency Experience

Scholarly Activities

Residents are expected to author a manuscript suitable for publication and to present this work at the annual Northwest Optometric Residents' Conference.

Continuing Education

Residents are encouraged to attend continuing education sponsored by the Pacific University College of Optometry and the Department of Veterans Affairs at no charge for credit hours. A nominal fee for printed materials and meals will be required for some Pacific University functions. Authorized absence (AA) from clinical responsibilities can be granted for attendance of educational conferences.

Lecturing

Residents will present a lecture at the annual Northwest Optometric Residents' Conference prior to the completion of the residency program. Residents will also be expected to give numerous presentations to the medical staff at the VAMC, the eye clinic, and the interdisciplinary staff throughout the year. Opportunities for participation as a lecturer at Pacific University also exist.

Clinical Privileges

Residents are required to be supervised as per VA Chapter 26. The Optometry Residency Program Supervisor must submit a statement regarding the resident's level of training, which determines the resident's privileges. Optometry Staff privileges at the Spokane VAMC are equivalent to the scope of practice permitted by Washington and Idaho State Laws. These laws can be explained in detail by the state boards.

Performance Evaluations

The residents will receive written evaluations from the Residency Program Director on a quarterly basis. The resident will also evaluate the Program Director and the site quarterly.

Worksite

The resident will work at the Spokane VAMC eye clinic four days per week except in cases of vacation, federal holidays, or authorized absence. The resident will spend one day per week at the Spokane Eye Clinic to learn the co-management skills needed for each specialty.

Clinical Facilities

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center of Spokane, Washington is a modern facility. Newly updated in Spring of 2001, the clinic is spacious and well-equipped to serve both the veterans and the residency program's needs. Spokane Eye Clinic is the largest surgical co-management site in Spokane, Washington. It currently employs three optometrists and ten ophthalmologists. The clinic has specialties in pediatrics, oculoplastics, cornea, retina, cataract, and laser corrective surgery. There are thirty exam rooms and three surgical suites.

Patient Population and Typical Experience

Currently, the Eye Clinic at the Spokane VAMC sees 10,000 patients per year. These patients are generally male with an average age of sixty-six years. The typical day in the clinic involves general exams, medical follow-ups, and medication review. Diagnosis and treatment of systemic/ocular disease makes up ninety percent of the workload.

Specialty Areas at the Spokane VA Medical Center

Low Vision/VIST/BROS Program

The Spokane VAMC has one Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) coordinator and a Low Vision Clinic. The resident will work with the VIST coordinator to address the needs of the legally blind at the Spokane VAMC.

Library and Research Resources

Residents are provided access to the library and computer databases of Pacific University. The library at the Spokane VAMC is available for use by the resident twenty-four hours a day.

Computer Access/E-mail/ Telephone Care

Every exam room in the Spokane VAMC Eye Clinic has a computer that will be available to the resident. There is also Internet access on every computer. The resident will be given an E-mail address through the hospital and can choose to have another E-mail address through the Internet access. Telephone care is handled by the optometry assistant and will be passed to the resident on emergency conditions. It will be the resident's responsibility to consult with the Program Director on how the situation should be handled.

Multidisciplinary Rotations

One-half day per week the resident will work with one of our primary care practitioners. This includes Internal Medicine, Nurse Practitioners, Audiology, Respiratory, Dermatology, ENT, Radiology, and Advanced Diabetes.

Weekly Optometric Seminar

Each week, the resident, interns, and residency supervisor meet for a one-hour optometric seminar. Presentations on patient care, literature review, or current treatments are discussed by all in attendance.

Administration Time

The resident will be given four hours per week for administration time. This time should be spent on research, review of charts, and study.

Spokane Living

Housing & Cost of Living

One bedroom apartments in the Spokane area range in cost from \$400-700 per month, and two bedroom apartments range from \$500-800 per month. House rentals range from \$450-\$900 per month.

Commuting & Parking

Spokane has an excellent bus transit system that comes directly to the VAMC seven times per day. The VAMC also has ample parking for employees.

Recreation

Spokane is a small metropolitan city surrounded by diverse recreational opportunities and spectacular scenery. The 76 lakes and four major rivers within 50 miles of the city provide fishing, swimming, rafting and waterskiing during the summer, while the surrounding mountains provide skiing and other sports during the winter. Downtown Spokane offers a collection of fine restaurants, shopping centers, historic sites and classic old buildings.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Candidates must earn the degree of Doctor of Optometry from a school or college of Optometry accredited by the Council on Optometric Education prior to the starting date of the residency program.
2. Candidates must have successfully completed Part I of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry, and they must have either successfully completed Part II or be scheduled to take Part II prior to the starting date of the residency program.
3. Candidates must be eligible to be licensed as an optometrist in a state, territory, or commonwealth of the United States, or the District of Columbia.
4. It is the policy of the Spokane VAMC to provide equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons; to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability; to ensure that the workforce profile will clearly reflect a meaningful distribution and utilization of minority and female employees; and to provide for the prompt, fair and

impartial consideration and disposition of complaints involving issues of discrimination on ground of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, or reprisal.

5. Only United States citizens are eligible candidates for funded residency positions sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
6. Candidates must apply to this residency program through the Optometric Residency Matching Services (ORMS), Inc.
www.optometryresident.org

Information

For additional information about these residency opportunities, please contact

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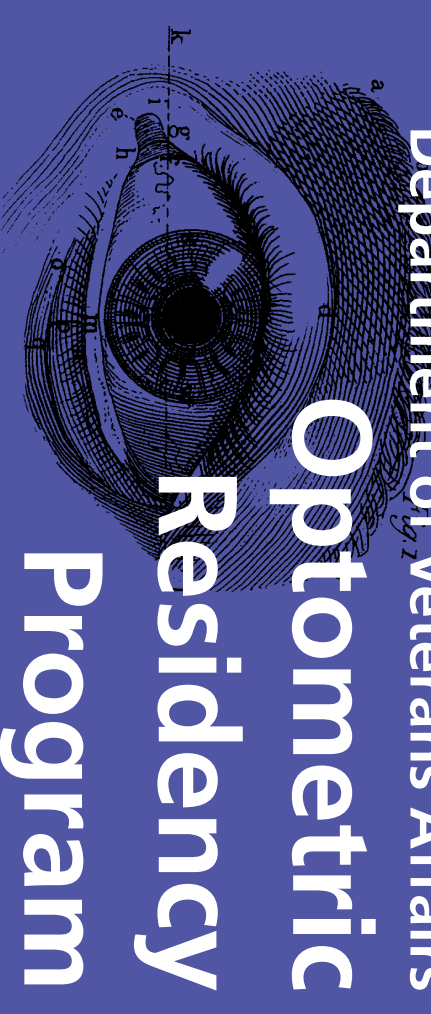


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CLINICAL AFFILIATE: SPOKANE EYE CLINIC, SPOKANE, WA

MISSION: This Primary Eye Care / Geriatric Optometry Residency is a one-year post-doctoral training program sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Spokane, Washington. Pacific University College of Optometry is the educational affiliate, and the Spokane Eye Clinic is the clinical affiliate. The fundamental mission of this program is to provide qualified post-doctorate practitioners with a structured educational experience that will expand their development into exceptional optometric clinicians in the areas of primary care, geriatrics, and ocular disease. Upon completion of the residency, the clinician will emerge with enhanced clinical skills, knowledge and experience. This elevates the resident beyond entry level practice, and makes them a suitable candidate for optometric positions in co-management and/or multidisciplinary settings.