



**Massachusetts  
Eye and Ear**

## Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, MA

### Residency in Ocular Disease

### Emphasis Area: Cornea and Contact Lens

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<b>SITE LOCATIONS:</b>	Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston
<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS:</b>	Two
<b>ESTABLISHED:</b>	2009
<b>ACCREDITATION STATUS:</b>	Accredited

### **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE RESIDENCY IN OCULAR DISEASE WITH AN EMPHASIS IN CORNEA AND CONTACT LENSES:**

The mission of the Optometric Residency Program in Ocular Disease and Cornea/Contact Lenses at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary is to provide advanced clinical training in the diagnosis and management of ocular disease, contact lenses, and vision rehabilitation. The residency will provide wide ranging opportunities for complementary didactic activity, interprofessional relationships, and clinical scholarship. Through patient exposure, experience, and mentoring, the resident will be prepared for high level clinical decision making.

### **GOALS:**

**Goal One: To provide a diverse and extensive clinical experience in five sub-specialty areas.**

Objectives for Goal One:

1. The resident will provide clinical care within a diverse set of sub-specialties, including the following: Contact Lenses, Neuro-Ophthalmology, Oculoplastics, Cornea, Refractive Surgery, and Vision Rehabilitation.
2. The resident will attend weekly grand round presentations allowing further exposure to complex clinical cases.

**Goal Two: To provide intensive clinical training to solidify strong clinical decision-making.**

Objectives for Goal Two:

1. The resident will provide the diagnosis and management of each patient while working within residency supervision guidelines.
2. Periodic evaluations of resident clinical progress will be used to assess and aid in ensuring the resident acquires sufficient knowledge of clinical skills and decision-making.



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**Goal Three: To develop the resident's ability to function as a member of the eye care delivery team and thus enhance overall patient care.**

Objective for Goal Three:

1. Attending ophthalmologists and optometrists with extensive knowledge and experience will supervise and educate the resident in their area of expertise.
2. The resident will apply the appropriate co-management and referral protocols when consulting with ophthalmologists, medical professionals, and associated patient care services.
3. The resident will use appropriate written and verbal communication when referring or consulting with ophthalmologists and medical professionals thus facilitating collaborative patient care.

**Goal Four: To provide a wide range of didactic programs and resources which are reflective of up to date professional advances.**

Objectives for Goal Four:

1. The resident will attend a wide range of lectures, guest speakers, and grand rounds presentations at the residency site.
2. The resident will be provided with a large collection of scholastic resources at the libraries of the New England College of Optometry and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

**Goal Five: The resident will participate in scholarly activities to promote critical thinking, and encourage scholastic contributions.**

Objectives for Goal Five:

1. The resident will attend all NECO residency conferences.
2. The resident will present a high quality formal lecture presentation at the NECO Residency Spring Conference.
3. The resident will complete a publishable quality paper on a topic determined by mutual agreement with the program coordinator.
4. The residency will provide faculty mentoring and utilization of scholastic resources at the residency site.
5. The resident will actively participate in in-service presentations, grand rounds, or other appropriate activities during the residency year.

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY:**

The residency will be one calendar year in length, beginning July 1 and ending June 30 each year.

**COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:**

The resident will receive an annual stipend of \$40,000. In addition, the resident will be allotted four weeks of paid vacation, eligible to enroll in health care benefits, no cost continuing education at the College, and provided a travel stipend and malpractice insurance coverage during residency activities at College affiliated sites.



### **CRITERIA FOR COMPLETION OF THE RESIDENCY:**

1. Attend all scheduled clinic sessions as assigned (not including excused absences) and demonstrate appropriate professional conduct at all times.
2. Demonstrate the necessary clinical skills, expertise and progress, as well as the appropriate professional attitudes commensurate with the program's mission, goals and objectives.
3. Attend all formal NECO residency conferences and any other designated educational programs that have been selected by mutual agreement.
4. Complete a scholarship project and submit the corresponding manuscript to the program director by the end of the residency year.
5. Maintain an accurate Patient Log of all patients seen during the residency.
6. Maintain an Activities Log of all non-clinical activities during the residency.
7. Complete all NECO program and preceptor evaluations and questionnaires as required in a timely manner.

### **MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATIONS REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Applicants must be graduates of an ACOE accredited college of optometry.
2. Successful completion of National Boards Parts I, II and III.
3. Applicants must be eligible for optometric licensure in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the earliest opportunity.
4. Applicants must be available for a personal or zoom interview.
5. Applicants apply through National Matching Services, Inc. ORMatch (Optometric Residency Match).

Please visit the ORMatch website at [www.natmatch.com/ormatch](http://www.natmatch.com/ormatch) for application materials, deadlines and other information. The deadline is January 31, 2022.

### **APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS IN A TIMELY MANNER:**

1. Current curriculum vitae
2. Letter of intent
3. Official optometry school transcripts
4. Official NBEO scores
5. Three letters of recommendation

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

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