

Residency in Pediatric Optometry

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SITE LOCATIONS:	NECO Center for Eye Care-Commonwealth, Boston, MA Other affiliated sites in the Boston area
ESTABLISHED:	1997
ACCREDITATION STATUS:	Accredited
NUMBER OF POSITIONS:	Two

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Mission of the Residency Program in Pediatric Optometry at the New England College of Optometry is to provide a comprehensive, post-doctoral clinical education program of the highest quality in Pediatric Optometry. The program will prepare the Residents for lifelong success and future leadership roles in pediatric optometric care, scholarship, teaching, and research within the clinical specialty of Pediatric Optometry.

GOALS:

Goal 1: To provide a diverse, advanced clinical experience in Pediatric Optometry

Objectives:

- 1.1 The Resident(s) will examine and manage a large number of Pediatric patients during the course of the residency year.
- 1.2 The Resident's patient base will be of sufficient diversity to provide a broad-based experience in Pediatric Optometry cases.

Goal 2: To provide the Resident(s) with experience in clinical and didactic teaching to supplement clinical training

Objectives:

- 2.1 To develop the Resident's clinical teaching skills, a portion of the Resident's schedule will include an assistant teaching role involving clinical supervision within the professional optometric program.
- 2.2 To develop the Resident's academic based teaching skills, a portion of the resident's schedule will include an assistant teaching role in the didactic professional optometric program.

Goal 3: To stimulate life-long learning and academic contributions to the profession by providing the Resident with opportunities for research and other scholarly activity

Objectives:

- 3.1 The Resident(s) will develop and complete an original research project on a clinical topic and complete a manuscript of publishable quality summarizing the results.
- 3.2 The Resident(s) will prepare one or more case reports on interesting cases encountered during the residency year.
- 3.3 The Resident(s) will attend both local and national continuing education programs and professional meetings to stimulate scholarly activity.

Goal 4: To prepare the Resident(s) for professional careers with leadership roles in the areas of pediatric optometry and binocular vision (clinical practice, education, and/or research)

Objectives:

- 4.1 To provide the Resident(s) with opportunities to expand his/her professional network in both clinical and research areas, each resident will be expected to attend the Annual Meeting of American Academy of Optometry (AAO) and/or other national meeting.

RESIDENCY SCHEDULE:

The Resident is assigned 80% to 90% of the time to direct patient care activities. These assignments are based at the NECO Center for Eye Care practices, but include dedicated time at additional sites, including clinics based at schools, hospitals, and community health centers. The Resident's assignments will average 40 hours per week. The hours will be scheduled Monday through Friday and may include Saturdays. One half day per week will be designated as research and personal development time. The residents will be on call approximately one week per month for the NECO Center for Eye Care Clinics.

Example of Resident Schedule (subject to change):

Resident 1

- Monday: Tufts Medical Center Pediatric Ophthalmology – Catherine Choi, MD
- Tuesday: Boston Medical Center Pediatric Optometry – Jenna Titelbaum, OD
- Wednesday: Tufts Medical Center Pediatric Ophthalmology – Vicki Chen, MD
- Thursday: NECO Center for Eye Care – Gayathri Srinivasan, OD
- Friday: Charles River Health Center – Stacy Lyons, OD/ Alternating Weeks with Research/Development

Resident 2

- Monday: Tufts Medical Center Pediatric Optometry – Nicole Quinn, OD

Tuesday: Perkins School for the Blind – Dr. Barry Kran, OD
Wednesday: Martha Eliot Community Health Center – Jacky Kong, OD
Thursday: Tufts Medical Center Pediatric Ophthalmology – Catherine Choi, MD
Friday: Charles River Health Center – Stacy Lyons, OD/ Alternating Weeks with Research/Development

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY:

The program will begin July 1 and conclude June 30.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:

The annual stipend is \$43,894. In addition, the resident will receive health care benefits, two weeks of paid vacation, tuition waiver at NECO-sponsored continuing education courses, an educational stipend and professional liability insurance coverage during residency activities at College affiliated sites.

CRITERIA FOR COMPLETION:

1. The resident will attend all scheduled clinic sessions as assigned, complete program related assignments and demonstrate professional conduct at all times.
2. The resident will demonstrate the appropriate clinical skills, expertise, and progress commensurate with the program's mission, goals, and objectives.
3. The resident will attend all formal NECO residency conferences and any other designated educational programs during the year.
4. The resident will complete a scholarly project on subjects to be determined by mutual agreement with the Program Coordinator and submit the corresponding manuscript to the Program Coordinator by the end of the residency year.
5. The resident will maintain an accurate patient log and activity log during the residency year.
6. The resident will complete all program and preceptor evaluations and questionnaires as required in a timely manner.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be graduates of an ACOE accredited college of optometry. Applicants apply through National Matching Services, Inc. Optometric Residency Match (ORMatch). Please visit the ORMatch website at www.natmatch.com/ormatch for application materials and other information.

Required application materials include:

- Letter of Intent/Career Objectives
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- NBEO Scores
- Official Optometry School Transcripts

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 31, 2022

Qualified applicants may be invited to an interview with the program faculty. Although in-person interviews are usually required and held in February, interviews may occur virtually this year due to travel restrictions related to COVID-19.

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