

MISSION STATEMENT:

The residency in Ocular Disease/Low Vision Rehabilitation, affiliated with the New England College of Optometry, provides an intensive program dedicated to post-graduate experience in comprehensive eye care. It emphasizes both full-scope primary optometric care, ocular disease specialty care and tertiary low vision/Traumatic Brain Injury optometric care. Presented are clinical, educational and research opportunities which reflect these disciplines, and which reflect the profession of optometry in a broad sense.



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VA Optometry Residency Program in Ocular Disease/Low Vision West Haven, CT Healthcare System

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Residency Objectives

1. To manage patients in a primary care and ocular disease setting.
2. To understand the systemic needs of patients, co-manage with other health-care professionals and present patients in Yale specialty ophthalmology clinics.
3. To take part in both Optometric and Yale Ophthalmology didactic pursuits.
4. To diagnose and manage the visual anomalies in the ABI population, specifically TBI and CVA.
5. To manage visually impaired patients in inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation settings and prescribe the latest LV technology including wearable tech.
6. To co-manage with multidisciplinary professionals who participate in the rehabilitation of the visually impaired.
7. To critically evaluate recent literature and in discuss this literature in a professional conference setting.
8. To write/publish a clinical paper. To be involved in a clinical research project.
9. To submit poster presentations and get involved in educational optometry.
10. To supervise optometric externs in both Ocular disease and LV clinics.

Note:

The applicant must be a Citizen of the United States to be eligible for residency consideration in a VA Medical Center.

Application requirements:

1. An O.D. degree from an accredited school or college of optometry.
2. Successful completion of the Basic and Clinical Sciences portions of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry as well as the TMOD; an official transcript is required.
3. Curriculum vitae.
4. Official transcripts of optometric education.
5. A brief statement detailing your desire to complete a residency
6. Three letters of recommendation.
7. Application through the OR Match Service www.natmatch.com/ormatch
8. An on-site interview is not required but is highly recommended.

Criteria for completion of residency:

1. Patient care delivery in both the primary care/ocular disease optometry clinic and the low vision rehabilitation/ABI optometry clinic at a level deemed satisfactory by the clinical supervisors.
2. A detailed patient log detailing each patient encounter.
3. A complete activity log of all didactic and non-clinical activities
4. Successful completion of lecture assignments.
5. Successful completion of a publishable quality clinical paper and year-end lecture at the New England College of Optometry.
6. Appropriate conduct and patient consideration as outlined in the VA Connecticut by-laws.

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