Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, MA
Residency in Ocular Disease
Emphasis Area: Cornea and Contact Lens

Massachusetts Eye and Ear

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SITE LOCATIONS: Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston MA
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: Two
ESTABLISHED: 7/2010

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 with an emphasis in 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.

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 or poster 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 53 weeks in length, beginning June 23, 2027 and ending June 30, 2028.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:

The resident will receive an annual stipend of $52,000 for 52 weeks. Additional days for orientation will be compensated in addition to this salary at the same rate as the annualized salary. The resident will be allotted four weeks of paid time off, 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. Provide 1-2 lectures on the topics of Refraction and/or Contact Lenses.
6. Maintain an accurate Patient Log of all patients seen during the residency.
7. Maintain an Activities Log of all non-clinical activities during the residency.
8. Complete all NECO program and preceptor evaluations and questionnaires as required in a timely manner.
9. Successfully complete National Boards Parts I, II, and III and obtain optometric licensure in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts within 3 months from the start date of the residency.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must have earned a Doctor of Optometry degree from a school or college of optometry with an ACOE accreditation status prior to the onset of the program year.
2. Applicants must be available for a personal or zoom interview.
3. Applicants apply through National Matching Services, Inc. ORMatch (Optometric Residency Match).

Please visit the ORMatch website at www.natmatch.com/ormatch for application materials, deadlines and other information. The deadline is January 29, 2027.

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

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ACCREDITATION STATUS:

The Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) has granted Massachusetts Eye and Ear Residency in Ocular Disease the accreditation status of “Accredited.” Accredited is a classification granted to an educational program indicating that the program generally meets the Standards for accreditation. For more information, see the ACOE’s website at www.theACOE.org or contact the ACOE at accredit@theacoe.org.

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