

**VA New Jersey Healthcare System**  
**SUNY Optometry affiliate/ACOE accredited program**  
**Residency in Primary Eye Care Optometry**  
**Emphasis: Ocular Disease and Low Vision**  
**Program Curriculum-Resident Responsibilities**

**Clinical**

- I. The resident clinical rotations include the following:
  - a. Each resident will rotate between the Lyons and East Orange campus.
  - b. The resident will spend one day per week in the Low Vision clinic while on rotation at the East Orange campus.
  - b. Attendance at the SUNY affiliated Friday grand rounds is strongly encouraged, however if the resident is not attending the Friday program, he or she reports to the VA for patient care.
  
- II. The resident is expected to have approximately 1500 patient encounters during the year. Each resident will be exposed to a variety of ocular diseases including, but not limited to:
  - Glaucoma (minimum 200)
  - Anterior segment (minimum 200)
  - Neurologic disorders (minimum 50)
  - Diabetic/hypertensive retinopathy (minimum 200)
  - Retina other (minimum 100)
  - Macular degeneration (minimum 100)
  - Low vision (minimum 100)
  
- III. The resident will rotate through ophthalmic specialty clinics while at the VA. Examples may include:
  - Retina
  - Cornea
  - Surgery
  - Low vision
  - VISOR (Visually Impairment Services Outpatient Rehabilitation)
  
- IV. The resident will order and/or interpret his/her own lab tests (minimum 10) and consults to other practitioners.
  
- V. The resident will perform and/or analyze imaging studies that may include: OCT, b-scan, carotid dopplers, neuroimaging.

**Didactic**

- I. SUNY Friday Program (required attendance):
  - Workshop on public speaking
  - Writing workshop (two sessions)
  - Evidence based medicine workshop
  - Practice management workshop

- Grand rounds (minimum 35 hours)

### **Scholarly Activity**

- I. Minor presentation (20 minutes presentation)
- III. Major presentation (one-hour COPE approved lecture)
- IV. Publishable quality paper
- V. The resident will submit an abstract to at least one optometric educational conference.
- VI. The resident will be encouraged to attend at least one optometric conference.
- VII. The resident will participate in regularly scheduled seminars at the VA.

### **Clinical Teaching**

- I. The resident will supervise and provide didactic experiences to fourth year optometry students.
- II. The resident will be expected to provide educational interaction with externs, such as journal club, case report review and development of quizzes.
- III. The resident may provide instruction on direct ophthalmoscopy to physician assistant and nurse practitioner students rotating through the Eye Clinic.