



Association of Schools & Colleges of Optometry

Optometric Residency Titles & Descriptions

The curricula of all optometric residency programs must be devoted to beyond entry-level clinical and didactic components. The primary title is one that most accurately reflects the content of the majority of the program's clinical and didactic curricula. If a substantial portion of the clinical and didactic curricula for the program is described in multiple titles, the program may choose to combine two titles, (e.g., Pediatric Optometry/Vision Therapy and Rehabilitation).

1. **Family Practice Optometry:** The clinical and didactic curricula will be devoted to topics and practice broadly represented in general optometric care. The patient population will include an age range from pediatric to geriatrics.
2. **Primary Eye Care:** The majority of the clinical and didactic curricula will be devoted to topics and practice relevant to the program's unique patient population. This patient population may be evident in the title, e.g. Primary Eye Care-Dept. of Veteran Affairs, Primary Eye Care-Indian Health Services.
3. **Cornea and Contact Lenses:** The majority of the clinical and didactic curricula will be devoted to topics and practice prevalent in the cornea and contact lens population.
4. **Geriatric Optometry:** The majority of the clinical and didactic curricula will be devoted to topics and practice prevalent in the geriatric population.
5. **Pediatric Optometry:** The majority of the clinical and didactic curricula will be devoted to topics and practice prevalent in the pediatric population.
6. **Vision Therapy and Rehabilitation:** The majority of the clinical and didactic curricula will be devoted to topics and practice relevant to dysfunctions of the eye movement, accommodative, binocular and perceptual systems, reduced visual acuity and compromised visual fields.
7. **Low Vision Rehabilitation:** The majority of the clinical and didactic curricula will be devoted to topics and practice relevant to low vision patients.
8. **Ocular Disease:** The majority of the clinical and didactic curricula will be devoted to topics and practice relevant to the diagnosis, management and treatment of ocular disease.
9. **Refractive and Ocular Surgery:** The majority of the clinical and didactic curricula will be devoted to topics and practice relevant to refractive and ocular surgery.

10. **Community Health Optometry**: The clinical and didactic curricula will be devoted to community based optometric care with an emphasis on public health and cultural issues that impact care.

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