

Optometric Residency Program



**OCULAR DISEASE
REFRACTIVE & OCULAR SURGERY**

**EYE CARE ASSOCIATES OF NEVADA
RENO & LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

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AFFILIATE: PACIFIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY, FOREST GROVE, OREGON

MISSION

This program is designed to enhance the clinical skills necessary to diagnose and manage visually impaired patients whose visual loss emanates from various ocular and systemic disease processes. Eye Care Associates' main emphasis is on cataract and refractive surgery. The patient population is referred by local optometrists

and medical doctors. Optometric/ ophthalmologic medical/surgical co-management care is stressed. The program develops the communication skills necessary to interact with referring optometrists and other health care professionals.





GENERAL INFORMATION

Residency Program Supervisors

DOUGLAS K. DEVRIES, O.D.

Duration of Agreement

July 1 through June 30

Number of Positions

Two (2) residency positions available each year.

Annual Salary

Periodically adjusted, please contact the program supervisor for current salary information.

Hours

Expected range of hours of attendance in a typical week of activities is 40-50 hours. The Clinic runs Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Leave

Residents earn ten days paid annual leave (sick leave, education time, and vacation). There are also several paid holidays annually including: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and the day following, and Christmas Day.

Professional Liability Protection

Provided by Eye Care Associates of Nevada.

Health Insurance Benefits

Health insurance is available to residents through Eye Care Associates of Nevada after three months.

Certificate of Completion

A certificate of completion will be awarded to the resident upon satisfactory completion of residency requirements.

PROGRAM GOALS

- 1 Improve the resident's proficiency and competency in the care of visually impaired patients through management of a wide variety of cases involving medical and surgical eye care.
- 2 Develop experience and proficiency of the resident in managing visually impaired patients whose visual loss emanates from various ocular and systemic disease processes.
- 3 Develop the resident's understanding of optometric/ophthalmologic medical/surgical co-management of visually impaired patients.
- 4 Develop the resident's understanding in triaging secondary and tertiary care of the patient with ocular and/or systemic disease processes.
- 5 Develop the resident's ability to function as a primary care member of the health care team through participation in a multidisciplinary health care delivery system.
- 6 Develop the resident's ability to recognize and participate in the treatment plan of ocular disease and systemic disease manifested in the visual system through appropriate interaction with experienced optometric and ophthalmological practitioners.
- 7 Develop the resident's understanding of practice management within private optometric practices.
- 8 Prepare optometrists for careers in multi-disciplinary optometric/ophthalmological care of medical/surgical patients.
- 9 Develop the resident's experience and proficiency in managing pre- and post-operative LASIK, LTK intrastromal corneal rings, and clear lensectomy refractive surgical procedures.

RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE

Scholarly Activities

Residents are expected to author a manuscript suitable for publication.

Continuing Education

The resident will participate in practice-sponsored continuing education seminars, workshops, and grand rounds. The opportunity to observe a variety of surgical techniques, both in office and hospital settings, will be available.

Lecturing

The resident will provide clinical instruction, in-service education for the ophthalmological staff, and advanced education to optometrists within the referral network of the co-management center. The resident will participate in the Pacific University residency conference where the resident's completed publication will be presented.

Performance Evaluations

The resident will receive written evaluations from the Residency Program Director on a quarterly basis. The resident will also have the opportunity to evaluate the residency program on a quarterly basis.

WORKSITE

Each resident will be expected to work six months in Reno, Nevada and six months in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Clinical Facilities

The Reno clinic has a new 8,000 square foot building including the Ambulatory Surgery Center (Wildcreek Surgery Center). This facility has six exam rooms.

The affiliated laser center (Advanced Vision Laser) is a 3,000 square foot facility with three exam rooms.

The Las Vegas clinic is a new 5,400 square foot office with seven exam rooms, laser suite and ancillary testing rooms.

The clinical facilities at both locations are spacious and well-equipped to serve both the patients' needs and the residency program's educational objectives.

Patient Population

Eye Care Associates of Nevada offers a diverse patient population ranging from geriatric cataract patients to younger refractive surgery patients.

On-Call Duty

Limited.

SPECIALTY AREAS AT EYE CARE ASSOCIATES OF NEVADA

Clinical Equipment and Procedures

Anterior Segment Photography, A-Scan and Fluorescein Angiograph

Technicians routinely perform these procedures. The resident has opportunity to use these devices and learn the procedures.

Corneal Topography and Orb-scan

Technicians routinely perform this procedure. The resident has opportunity to use the topographer and learn how to interpret the topography and the Orbscan.

Argon, Excimer, Holmium and Yag Lasers

Performed by ophthalmologists on site and the resident has opportunity to observe the procedures.

Visual Fields and Pachymetry Technicians

Technicians routinely perform these procedures. The resident has opportunity to use these devices and learn the procedures.

Library & Research Resources

An internal collection of resource material is available at Eye Care Associates of Nevada. The resources are available on loan from Pacific University as well as internet access.

Computer Access

The clinic is equipped with computers that have Internet and email access. The resident has an opportunity to have a personal email account.



RENO & LAS VEGAS LIVING

Housing & Cost of Living

One bedroom apartments in Reno will be in the \$550 range and a one bedroom apartment in Las Vegas will be in the \$600 range.

Commuting & Parking

Parking at the clinic is free and there is ample space next to the building. Commuting in the Reno and Las Vegas areas is not a problem.

Recreation

Both Reno and Las Vegas offer a wide variety of outdoor activities including snow skiing, water skiing, mountain biking, hiking, and rock climbing.

CALL OR EMAIL TODAY

For additional information about these residency opportunities, please contact:

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1** Candidates must earn the degree of Doctor of Optometry from a school or college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education prior to the starting date of the residency program.
- 2** Candidates must have passed the NBEO Part I and have taken Part II by the application deadline. The selected candidate must have passed Part II and be scheduled to sit for Part III.
- 3** Candidates must be eligible to be licensed as an optometrist in a state, territory, or commonwealth of the United States, or the District of Columbia.
- 4** It is the policy of Eye Care Associates of Nevada to provide equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons; to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability; to ensure that the workforce profile will clearly reflect a meaningful distribution and utilization of minority and female employees; and to provide for the prompt, fair and impartial consideration and disposition of complaints involving issues of discrimination on ground of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, or reprisal.
- 5** Candidates must apply to this residency program through the Optometric Residency Matching Services (ORMS), Inc. online at www.optometryresident.org