

Optometric Residency Program

PRIMARY EYE CARE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

ROSEBURG VA MEDICAL CENTER
ROSEBURG, OREGON

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MISSION

The Residency in Primary Eye Care Department of Veterans Affairs, Roseburg, Oregon, seeks to provide a forum for recently graduated optometrists to advance their body of knowledge and experience beyond entry level. This one-year program will concentrate on the delivery of primary eye care in a multidisciplinary setting and will allow the resident to utilize the full resources of the medical center. The resident can expect to be exposed to a wide assortment of patients and ocular and systemic conditions.

The resident will have opportunity to utilize ophthalmic and systemic pharmaceutical agents, employ advanced diagnostic tools and interact with providers in a multi-disciplinary setting. The resident will manage post-operative patients and consult to subspecialists as needed. The resident will participate in case reports/journal review, instruction of fourth year optometry interns and providing continuing education to the medical staff.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Residency Program Supervisor

Dr. Bryan Deck is a 1995 graduate of Southern College of Optometry. He completed a residency at the Memphis VAMC. Subsequently, he served as an attending optometrist at The Eye Center at SCO. In 1998 he became the first eye care provider for the Roseburg VAMC—establishing student and residency programs. Dr. Deck is a member of the medical staff and has broad clinical privileges.

Duration of Agreement

July 1 through June 30

Number of Positions

One (1) residency position available each year.

Annual Salary

Periodically adjusted by the Office of Academic Affairs VHA, please contact the program supervisor for current salary information.

Hours

The normal hours of operation for the eye clinic are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Four hours a week are allotted for professional development. Actual hours worked per week will vary between 40 and 45.

Benefits

Residents accumulate 13 days of paid annual leave and 13 days of sick leave. There are also ten paid holidays annually. Absence may be granted for attending continuing education. Residents are now eligible to participate in VA employee health insurance for individuals and families. Contact the program supervisor for more details.

Professional Liability Protection

The U.S. government accepts responsibility for the actions of its employees during exercise of official duties. VA residents are protected by the Federal Government in instances of alleged malpractice or negligence resulting from the performance of their duties in or for the Veterans Health Administration.

Certificate of Completion

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

PROGRAM GOALS

The program aims to fulfill its mission by attaining the following goals:

- 1 Strengthen the resident's primary care skills.
- 2 Provide clinical acumen for managing the ocular and visual problems of the geriatric population.
- 3 Increase the resident's knowledge in co-management of medical-surgical eye conditions.
- 4 Integrate the resident into a multidisciplinary care team.
- 5 Ensure the resident attains an appreciation that the practice of optometry is a dynamic profession requiring lifelong study.



RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE

Strengths of the Program

The resident can expect to manage 1,500 patient encounters during the year. The mean age of patients is 69 years. Eighty-five percent of patients seen by the resident have ocular problems beyond a refractive error. There are large numbers of patients with glaucoma, cataract and macula degeneration. The resident can anticipate seeing most urgent eye problems presenting the hospital. Contact lenses are provided on a limited basis to patients that have an ocular condition necessitating contact lens use. The resident has the opportunity to participate in a week long training at the American Lake VAMC Blind Rehabilitation Center. This experience will assist the resident in providing low vision aids to the ample number of veterans in Roseburg who need them. The resident will provide post operative care for veterans undergoing cataract surgery locally and assist in the post operative management of conditions treated at the Portland VAMC. Opportunity is available to observe primary care, laboratory and radiology services.

Scholarly Activity

The resident is expected to complete a manuscript suitable for publication and present the topic as a continuing education presentation at the annual Northwest Residents Conference. Additionally the resident will make a presentation to the medical staff in Roseburg.

Continuing Education

The resident is encouraged to attend continuing education throughout the year. Meetings sponsored by Pacific University or the Department of Veterans Affairs are typically at little or no expense to the resident. Authorized absence is granted for attendance to continuing education.

Privileges

The resident will be granted privileges commensurate with demonstrated levels of clinical competence—however, the level of practice will not exceed that allowed by state boards of optometry. The resident is required to be supervised as per VA Chapter 26.

Performance Evaluations

The resident will grow as a clinician through frequent interactions with the program supervisor. During these exchanges the resident will receive constructive critique of techniques and performance. Quarterly, the resident will receive a formal, written evaluation. Additionally the resident will have the opportunity to evaluate the program and the supervisor.



WORKSITE

The VA Roseburg Healthcare System (VARHS) is a 152-bed facility utilizing a Primary Care model for inpatient and outpatient care. With an emphasis in treating patients in the outpatient setting, inpatient care is provided for acute needs in medicine, surgery, psychiatry and rehabilitation to a population of 102,000 veterans in Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Extended care is provided through a 60-bed nursing home care unit (NHCU), Protected Care Unit, intermediate beds, community nursing homes and a residential care program utilizing foster homes, as well as an outpatient Geriatric Evaluation and Management program.

The VARHS provides general medicine, surgery, psychiatry, laboratory, radiology, rehabilitation medicine and dental treatment with sub-specialty services to include gerontology, gastroenterology, pulmonology, urology, limited vascular and thoracic surgery, ENT, ophthalmology and optometry and clinics in gynecology and orthopedics.

The Mental Health program provides treatment for substance abuse, vocational rehabilitation and PTSD for both inpatients and outpatients. Outpatient care locations include the Roseburg facility, the Eugene Satellite Outpatient Clinic and the Community Based Clinic at Bandon.

The eye clinic consists of four complete examination lanes, a Humphrey Visual Field analyzer, Zeiss OCT, pachymeter, anterior and posterior segment cameras, A/B scan, cornea topographer and IOL Master.



ROSEBURG LIVING

Roseburg, Oregon is located among the many valleys of the Umpqua River. Numerous outdoor activities are readily available—both the Pacific Coast and the Cascade Mountains are within a short drive. Crater and Diamond lakes offer hiking, fishing and skiing. Roseburg enjoys a mild climate, which contributes to the timber and agricultural success of the region. Roseburg is 70 miles to Eugene, 80 miles to Medford and 180 miles to Portland.

Housing

Apartments and houses rent between \$400–\$700. The average commute is less than ten minutes. The VA hospital does have two homes on site that are available on a first come first served basis. There is no charge to stay in quarters. Please contact the resident supervisor for further information.

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 common-wealth of the United States, or the District of Columbia.
- 4 It is the policy of the Roseburg VAMC 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 Only United States citizens are eligible candidates for funded residency positions sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 6 Candidates must apply to this residency program through the Optometric Residency Matching Services (ORMS) www.optometryresident.org