

# Optometric Residency Program

## **VISION THERAPY** REHABILITATION & PEDIATRIC OPTOMETRY

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### **MISSION**

The mission of the Pacific University College of Optometry Vision Therapy, Rehabilitation and Pediatric Optometry residency program is to prepare optometrists for professional excellence by providing advanced clinical experience and academic

teaching exposure in pediatrics, vision therapy/rehabilitation, co-management of strabismus and vision therapy in a primary care setting.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Residency Program Supervisors

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### Length of Program

54 weeks

### Starting Date

July 15

### Number of Positions

One (1) residency position available each year

### Annual Salary

Periodically adjusted. Please contact residency program supervisor for current salary information. Salary is not based on production.

### Hours

Expected range of hours of attendance in a typical week of activities is 40–60 hours.

### Leave

Residents earn ten days paid annual leave and ten days paid sick leave per year.

### Professional Liability Protection

Provided by Pacific University.

### Health Insurance Benefits

Health and dental insurance is provided through Pacific University.

### Certificate of Completion

Once all published requirements for completion have been met, the resident will be presented with a Certificate of Completion.

## PROGRAM GOALS

- 1 Provide opportunities for in-depth clinical experience specializing in pediatrics, vision therapy, vision rehabilitation, and co-management of strabismus.
- 2 Offer experience in didactic and laboratory Pediatrics and Vision Therapy education.
- 3 Encourage the resident's pursuit of scholarly activity.
- 4 Stimulate a commitment to service in the resident.

## RESIDENCY COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

The resident must complete a case report or research project of publishable quality by July 31 of the residency year. The advisor for the case report or research project must approve the manuscript prior to a review by the Residency Coordinator, who must also approve the manuscript.

The resident must demonstrate advanced clinical competency in pediatric vision care, vision therapy, vision rehabilitation and management of strabismus and amblyopia. Each of the resident's clinical supervisors must endorse the resident's achievement of advanced clinical competency. The criteria for advanced clinical competency are described in the Residency Supervision Policy as follows:

### Diagnostic and Assessment Skills

The resident has demonstrated the ability to:

- 1 Use information from the case history to determine appropriate data to evaluate in the pediatric vision examination, functional vision skills evaluation, strabismus/amblyopia evaluation, visual information processing evaluation and the acquired brain injury vision evaluation.
- 2 Accurately assess and interpret the results of said exams and evaluations.

### Management Skills

The resident has demonstrated the ability to determine and implement appropriate management options for: refractive anomalies, functional vision conditions and eye health disorders in pediatric patients; accommodative, vergence and oculomotor dysfunctions; strabismus and amblyopia conditions; developmental delays in visual spatial, visual analysis, visual-motor integration and visual-auditory integration skills; and visual dysfunction resulting from acquired brain injury. The resident has also demonstrated the ability to determine and communicate appropriate management recommendations for reading dysfunctions, attention disorders and other developmental delays.

## CLINICAL FACILITIES

### Portland Family Vision Center

This clinic is located in a medical building in downtown Portland. This clinic serves the eye care needs of Multnomah county and is a full scope primary care facility. This is a specialty referral service that will provide one full day per week of vision therapy experience with a patient base diverse in ethnicity and socio-economic status. This is also where the resident will participate in a half day per week of patient care within the Pediatric and Strabismus Referral Center (PSRC)—a co-management clinic directed by an optometrist (Dr. Richard London) and a pediatric ophthalmologist (Dr. David Wheeler). Observation of strabismus surgery is an element of this experience.

### **Forest Grove Family Vision Center**

This clinic is located in the new section of Jefferson Hall on the Forest Grove campus. This clinic serves the eye care needs of Western Washington County and is a full scope primary care facility. The resident will provide a full day of pediatric primary care services. There is an additional half day per week of home-based vision therapy services within the primary care clinic service that is designed to develop the ability to provide vision therapy services in a primary care setting.

### **Veterans Affairs Medical Center**

The Portland, OR VA hospital serves the veterans of Northern Oregon and Southwest Washington in a hospital-based setting. Vision rehabilitation opportunities at this clinic include post-trauma, acquired brain injury and other conditions unique to a largely elderly, male population. The resident will assist in providing direct vision rehabilitation care as part of a multidisciplinary team one half day per week. This will be an excellent experience for the resident to manage a wide variety of ocular and systemic pathology that affects binocular vision and vision perception.

## **RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE**

### **Clinical Activities**

The resident will be provided with a large number of patient encounters in a variety of clinical settings with diverse patient populations. These patient encounters will provide exposure to a large variety of pediatric, binocular vision and visual information processing conditions and an enhanced experience with co-management of patient care.

### **Teaching & Lecturing**

The resident will serve as an assistant course instructor for two third year vision therapy laboratories, Vision Therapy for Binocular and Oculomotor Dysfunction and Assessment and Management of Strabismus and Amblyopia. The resident will be responsible for assisting in lab instruction, lab preparation and grading. Lecture experience is provided at the annual Northwest Optometric Residents' Conference where the resident presents an original lecture, case report, or summary of research. The resident may present lectures and workshops in the form of continuing education, grand rounds, optometry classroom, etc.

### **Scholarly Activities**

The resident is required to complete a research paper, literature review or case report of publishable quality by the end of the residency program and present at the annual Northwest Optometric Residents' Conference.

Residents are encouraged to attend Pacific University sponsored continuing education programs and the registration fees are waived. The resident is encouraged to attend other educational programs; however travel, lodging, meals and incidental expenses remain the resident's responsibility.

### **On-Call Duty**

On a rotating basis, the resident will be assigned as the primary on-call provider after hours for the clinics of Pacific University College of Optometry. The on-call duty is shared with the Portland VAMC residents, the Pacific University Cornea and Contact Lens resident and teaching fellows.

### **Administration/Research Time**

The resident will be given four hours per week each semester of unscheduled creative time to devote to research, scholarly work and professional development. This time will be appropriately scheduled on days when residency faculty are available to mentor the resident during their scholarly pursuits.

### **Weekly Optometric Seminar**

The resident will meet weekly with the residency faculty to discuss patient care issues. During the weekly resident seminar, time is devoted for literature review, research projects and in-depth discussion of pediatric, binocular vision and vision therapy related topics of interest. The resident is expected to use their creative time to review the current literature prior to the weekly seminar and work on research projects. In addition, the resident coordinates a roundtable case conference with the college faculty monthly and a monthly journal club meeting with the COVD student organization.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- 1** Candidates must apply to this residency program through the Optometry Residency Match (ORMatch) online at [www.natmatch.com/lormatch/](http://www.natmatch.com/lormatch/)
- 2** Furnish official transcripts of all optometric and graduate education.
- 3** Furnish official NBEO scores.
- 4** Submit an essay describing the career choices, experiences and motivation for applying.
- 5** Three letters of reference from individuals familiar with the applicant's clinical and academic performance.
- 6** Be available for a formal interview with the Residency Committee.
- 7** Application Deadline: February 15.



## LIVING & RESOURCES

### Housing & Cost of Living

One bedroom apartments in the Portland metropolitan area average \$600–\$700 per month, and two bedroom apartments average \$700–\$800 per month.

Month-to-month lease options are commonly available in the Portland area. One bedroom apartments in Forest Grove average \$500–\$600 per month, and two bedroom apartments average \$600–\$700 per month.

### Recreation

Portland has been described as the "city of books, beer, bikes and blooms," and offers numerous activities involving all of these aspects. Outdoor adventures abound with Mt. Hood, the Oregon Coast, forests and several rivers within 60 miles from the city limits. Portland's events and festivals provide new forms of entertainment throughout the year.

### Library & Research Resources

The resident is provided access to the libraries and computer databases of both Pacific University and Oregon Health and Science University. Access is provided to the College's in-house references including texts, journals, audio-visuals, and computer-based resources. Residents are permitted to use the computer work stations in the Student Computer Room in Jefferson Hall and will receive audio-visual support in generating slides, videos, overheads, etc., for use in presentations or papers being developed as part of the residency experience. Access to the extensive ophthalmic library at Casey Eye Institute is also available.

### Computer Access & Email

Computers with Internet access are available for use in the school and library at Pacific University. The resident is assigned an email address.

## 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 pass all portions of the NBEO and attain Oregon state licensure prior to the starting date of the residency. Candidates do not need to be a U.S. Citizen. Non-citizens must either be living in the USA as a "Permanent Resident" or must be eligible for F-1 Optional Practical Training (F-1 OPT) status.
- 3** Pacific University's policy of non-discrimination based on gender, race, religion, creed, national origin, sexual orientation or non-disqualifying physical disabilities will be strictly upheld during the selection process.

## CALL OR EMAIL TODAY

For additional information about these residency opportunities, please contact:

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