

RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

2016- 2017

Cornea and Contact Lens

Michigan College of Optometry

Pediatric and Binocular Vision

Michigan College of Optometry

Primary Care/Ocular Disease

Battle Creek VA Medical Center
John D Dingell VA Medical Center
VA Northern Indiana Health Care System
Wyoming VA Health Care Center
TLC Eye Care of Michigan

Primary Care

Henry Ford OptimEyes

Community Health and Primary Care

Cherry Health



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Michigan College
of Optometry

RESIDENCY LOCATIONS

Battle Creek VA Medical Center

Battle Creek, MI

TLC Eye Care of Michigan

Jackson, MI

John D. Dingell VA Medical Center

Detroit, MI

VA Northern Indiana Health Care System

Fort Wayne Campus

Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University

Big Rapids

Wyoming VA Outpatient Clinic

Wyoming, MI

Henry Ford OptiEyes

West Bloomfield, MI

Cherry Health

Grand Rapids, MI

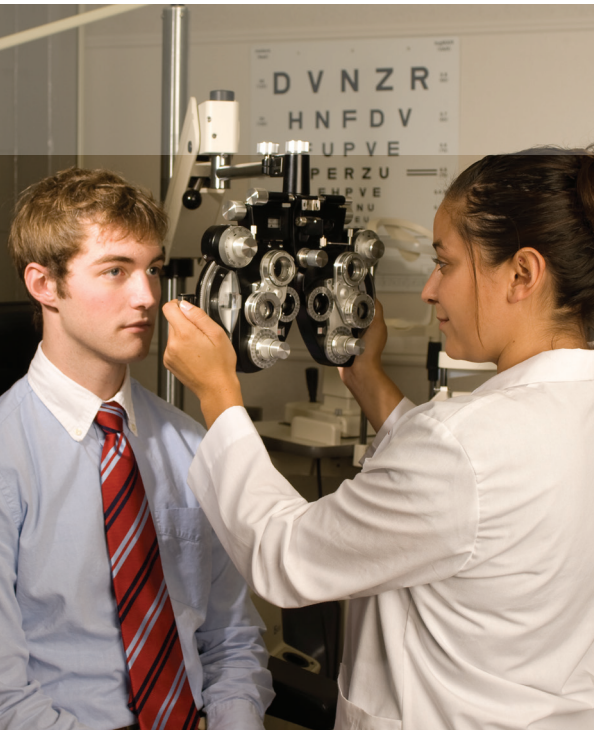
ADMISSIONS

Applicants to the Post-Doctoral Residency Training Program must;

1. Have an O.D. degree from an accredited college of optometry by the start of the residency program.
2. Register through the Optometry Residency Match (ORMatch) service at natmatch.com/ormatch/index.html by January 31th.
3. Submit the following documents directly to the residency supervisor:
 - The MCO Post-Doctorate Residency Training Program application form for a specific clinical location (listed in the "Education Programs" section of the MCO website)
 - A current curriculum vitae
 - An ORMatch application form
 - National Board of Examiners in Optometry exam score transcripts
 - Optometric education transcripts
 - Three letters of recommendation from faculty closely associated with the applicant's clinical experience
 - A letter of intent that discusses the applicant's reasons for selecting the specific residency program
4. Participate in an interview to be scheduled after submission of application materials and conducted no later than the third week of February.
5. Submit the "rank order list of programs" to ORMatch by the deadline posted on the ORMatch website.

Notes to applicants:

- Residents are chosen by a residency committee based on application materials and interviews. Applicants are evaluated without regard to race, gender, creed, national origin or disability.
- ORMatch will notify applicants and the Director of Residencies of binding matches by March 6.
- The applicant is expected to pass the National Board Exam prior to the start date and obtain state licensure prior to or within one month of commencing the residency.



CORNEA AND CONTACT LENS RESIDENCY Michigan College of Optometry

Positions Available: 1

The resident in the cornea and contact lens program at the Michigan College of Optometry acquires advanced competency in the evaluation, treatment and management of corneal conditions, with an emphasis in specialty contact lenses. Under the supervision of attending staff, the resident assumes the responsibility and care of patients requiring contact lenses, to include the design, fitting and problem-solving of both relatively easy-to-fit and challenging cases such as presbyopia, keratoconus, high astigmatism, orthokeratology and post-surgical care. The resident gains experience in corneal disease and refractive surgery under the supervision of corneal specialists. The program allows the resident to develop the ability to educate and instruct others by conducting grand rounds and presenting a contact lens-related seminar to third- and fourth-year students, as well as participating in their clinical supervision. In addition, there are opportunities for clinical research and presentations, and a paper of manuscript quality is required.

Schedule: A minimum of 40 hours per week is required. The majority of the resident's time will be spent at MCO, participating in specialty contact lens clinics, clinical research under the Vision Research Institute and professional development. The remaining time will be spent in Grand Rapids, participating in direct patient care in a primary care private office setting, and at the office of corneal and refractive surgery subspecialists. The resident also will have the unique opportunity to gain first-hand contact lens industry experience at Art Optical, participating in specialty lens co-consultations.

Stipend: \$31,000 per year. Benefits include full medical and professional liability insurance.

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Wyoming VA (formerly Grand Rapids VA) OCULAR DISEASE RESIDENCY

VA Health Care Center, Wyoming, MI

Positions Available: 1

The Ocular Disease Residency at the VA Health Care Center in Wyoming, MI (formerly the Grand Rapids VA Outpatient Clinic) will provide post-doctoral clinical education resulting in advanced competency in medical optometry. The one-year post-graduate program will provide the challenging cases and attending expertise needed to help develop the resident into an ocular disease specialist.

An interdisciplinary approach for providing care for patients with systemic disease and ocular complications will be emphasized. Furthermore, the residency will promote scholarly activities through the teaching of interns, research and oral presentations to develop the resident into a leader for the optometric profession.

The Wyoming VA Health Care Center, part of the Battle Creek VA Medical Center, has been associated with optometric education since 1992. The new state of the art Health Care Center opened in September of 2014 and is located southwest of Grand Rapids, MI in the Metro Health Village. The clinic provides primary care, mental health and specialty care for veterans in Grand Rapids, the second-largest city in Michigan, and its surrounding areas.

The eye clinic is equipped with the latest equipment, including Cirrus OCT, Spectralis HRA + OCT, Haag-Streit Digital Anterior Segment Camera, Canon Fundus Camera, Optos Daytona, Topcon 5 in 1 Wavefront Analyzer, Optopus 900 Pro Visual Field units, and more. The clinic is staffed by three full-time ocular disease residency trained optometrists and serves as a fourth-year clinical rotation site for the Michigan College of Optometry and the Illinois College of Optometry.

Schedule: The resident work week averages 40 hours. The majority of time will be devoted to direct clinical care at the Wyoming VA Health Care Center, with opportunities to rotate through several sub-specialist offices in Grand Rapids, and several hours per month devoted to Ocular Disease Grand Rounds and continuing medical education.

Stipend: \$31,965 per year. Additional benefits include federal health, life and professional liability insurance.

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OCULAR DISEASE RESIDENCY TLC Eye Care of Michigan

Positions Available: 1

The residency program at TLC offers advanced clinical and didactic experience for the optometric graduate. The program focuses on diagnosis and treatment of ocular disease in addition to assessment and management of refractive surgery patients. TLC is a large private organization comprised of eight offices in Michigan that include facilities for medical/surgical centers and refractive surgery. Opportunities exist for the resident to gain experience in a number of specialty areas while providing care to at least 2,000 patients at TLC. Residents have primary responsibility for their patients, including ordering, performing and interpreting appropriate tests; sending and receiving consultations; and handling follow-up care. In addition, the resident is required to participate in research or write a paper of publishable quality.

Schedule: A minimum of 40 hours per week is required. The resident provides care in various specialty clinics, such as cornea, glaucoma, cataracts, retina/vitreous and refractive surgery. Approximately four hours per week are spent on research, development and/or organization of a patient study. In addition, the resident is required to participate in research or write a paper of publishable quality and participate in annual educational programs for TLC staff. The TLC resident spends the majority of the time in Jackson and Lansing offices, and is subject to variable schedules. Residents provide care to emergency walk-in patients and participate with hospital consults along with occasional after hour emergencies and post operative appointments on the weekends. Attending staff back up is available at all times.

Stipend: \$31,000 per year. Other benefits include medical stipend, malpractice insurance, cell phone and mileage reimbursement.

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OCULAR DISEASE/PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCY VA Northern Indiana Health Care System Fort Wayne Campus

Positions Available: 2

The residency at the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System provides experiences resulting in advanced competency in the evaluation, treatment and management of a wide variety of ocular conditions, with a special emphasis on ocular disease. Additionally, the program equips the resident with the necessary tools for lifelong learning, thereby enabling continued advanced-level competency throughout his or her professional career. This training is provided through a combination of lectures, journal clubs, supervised patient care, hands-on procedural experience and independent study. The learning environment is enhanced by a large number of patient encounters, knowledgeable and enthusiastic faculty, and state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. Scholarly requirements include oral presentations and a poster or manuscript of publishable quality.

The program provides a solid foundation for further training or a career in clinical practice, research or academic optometry. Additionally, residents completing the program are thoroughly prepared to sit for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry's Advanced Competence in Medical Optometry (ACMO) Examination.

Schedule: A minimum of 40 hours per week is required. The majority of the time is spent providing direct patient care in the outpatient setting. Residents also provide emergency eye care services during regular and non-scheduled clinic hours. Also included in the schedule are weekly optometry conferences, time for research and development, surgical observation, and instruction of fourth-year optometry students.

Stipend: Locality-based stipend of \$32,178 per year. Residents are eligible for federal health, life and professional liability insurance. Other benefits include paid annual and sick leave, and 10 paid federal holidays.

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Community Health and Primary Care Residency

The Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Heart of the City Health Center, a Branch of Cherry Health

Positions Available: 1

The mission of the Residency in Community Health Optometry and Primary Care at Cherry Health is to provide advanced clinical training and competency by delivering primary comprehensive optometric care within a multi-disciplinary health care setting. There is an emphasis on integration of services and increased access to quality and affordable care for underserved and at-risk individuals in order to improve their health and wellness.

Cherry Health provides comprehensive adult and pediatric vision services at the Heart of the City Health Center, the Montcalm Area Health Center and the Wyoming Health Center. Our school linked vision program, "See to Succeed", provides traveling comprehensive eye care and glasses for students within over 40 schools throughout Kent County.

Adult vision services include dilated eye exams, diabetic eye exams, interpretation of special testing (Cirrus OCT, Humphrey visual field, anterior and posterior segment photography, corneal topography etc.) and diagnosis and treatment of ocular disease. Pediatric vision services include infant eye exams, cycloplegic eye exams, and sensory motor evaluations including vision therapy for strabismus, amblyopia, and accommodative, oculomotor, and binocular vision disorders.

In addition to clinical responsibilities, this residency also encourages both didactic and scholarly activities. The resident will give oral presentations, present a poster at a nationally recognized meeting and complete two case reports of publishable quality.

Schedule: The residency will begin the last week of June and continue until June 30th of the following year (53 weeks in duration). The first week is reserved for orientation and training activities. The resident will be scheduled for 38-40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. The resident will not be required to provide on-call or emergency care outside of clinical hours. The majority of this time will be spent on optometric patient care with one half day per week allotted to professional development.

Stipend: The resident's annual stipend is \$33,000. The resident is entitled to paid leave as follows: two weeks of paid time off (10 days) and one week of paid professional development/conference time (5 days). Benefits include medical, dental and vision insurance, short and long term disability insurance and professional liability insurance. The Michigan College of Optometry provides a \$500 travel stipend and FSU library privileges. Cherry Health will provide an additional \$1,000 travel stipend.

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PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCY Henry Ford OptimEyes

Position Available: 1

The primary eye care residency program provides a qualified post-doctoral practitioner with an advanced educational experience designed to enhance clinical skills. Under the supervision of attending staff, the resident participates in patient care activities directly or by supervising fourth-year optometry externs from the Michigan College of Optometry. The resident's responsibilities span the primary eye care spectrum to include well eye care to providing acute eye care and performing specialty diagnostic testing (photographs, OCTs, visual fields, etc.). The primary goal of this program is to improve the resident's proficiency and clinical competency in the assessment and management of patients. The Henry Ford Medical Center OptimEyes location in West Bloomfield serves a diverse patient population. This unique environment exposes the resident to a variety of ocular pathologies and specialty contact lens fittings. Upon completion of this program, the resident will be prepared to pursue professional opportunities in academia, or primary eye care in any environment. The residency encourages scholarly activities. Clinical instruction of externs and oral presentations to peer audiences is expected. The resident also is expected to complete a manuscript of publishable quality or present a scientific poster (or equivalent) at the American Academy of Optometry (or other approved venue) prior to the end of the residency year.

Schedule: The resident's schedule will be assigned at the beginning of the program and modified depending on the needs of the clinic and the resident. The schedule is likely to contain irregular numbers of hours for each workday; however, the weekly average will be 40 hours of assigned duties. (This does not include outside development time necessary for research, lecture preparation, journal reviews, manuscript preparation, etc.) The schedule consists of four 10-hour days, Tuesday through Friday.

Stipend: The stipend is \$32,000, annually, pro-rated and paid on a bi-weekly basis. Professional liability insurance and health insurance are provided. Residents presenting papers or posters at a refereed meeting (AAO, AOA, SECO, ARVO) are eligible for a \$1,000 professional development stipend from Henry Ford OptimEyes. The resident is entitled to 10 days of combined time off and seven holidays.

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GOALS OF RESIDENCIES

- To increase the resident's clinical competence and confidence in patient care.
- To enhance the resident's ophthalmic knowledge base, as well as his or her ability to apply this in the clinical setting.
- To expand the resident's skills as an optometric educator.
- To enhance the resident's ability to function in a multidisciplinary health care environment.

Presentation/Publication: Along with patient care, all residents are encouraged to present a poster or paper at a professional meeting. They are eligible for a \$500 travel scholarship from MCO to present their work.

General Residency Completion Requirements:

- All program-specific completion requirements, attendance, and satisfactory clinical and professional achievements
- All periodic written evaluations completed
- Fulfillment of terms of employment

Certificate of Completion: All residents who successfully complete the program are awarded a certificate of Advanced Clinical Competency.

Typically, the starting date for residencies is July 1. This date may vary slightly with each program.

All residencies are one year in duration and are either accredited or in the process of accreditation by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE)

OCULAR DISEASE RESIDENCY Battle Creek VA Medical Center

Positions Available: 2

The VA Medical Center in Battle Creek provides residency training emphasizing ocular disease and the ocular manifestations of systemic disease. The optometry clinic is an integral component of a larger multidisciplinary facility and is staffed by three full-time, residency-trained providers. Daily interaction with the attending faculty and fourth-year clinical interns provides a rich environment for the interpretation, discussion and management of many unusual and complex clinical conditions. Residents are expected to assume responsibility for patient treatment under the direct supervision of attending faculty. Scholarly pursuits are part of the residency program and include student teaching, oral and written presentations, and the preparation of a poster.

Schedule: The resident work week is modeled after that of staff and averages 40 hours. The majority of time is devoted to direct clinical care. Additional time may be scheduled for conferences, monthly grand rounds and surgical observation.

Stipend: \$31,965 plus location stipend per year. Additional benefits include federal health, life and professional liability insurance.

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PEDIATRIC RESIDENCY Ferris State University Michigan College of Optometry

Positions Available: 1

The pediatric and binocular vision resident at the Michigan College of Optometry will acquire advanced competency in the evaluation, treatment and management of pediatric patients with emphases in binocular vision anomalies, learning-related vision problems, and vision therapy.

Under the supervision of attending faculty, the resident will assume the responsibility and care of patients in the Pediatric and Binocular Vision Service, including InfantSEE®, primary care/well-child, strabismus/amblyopia, learning-related vision problems, multiply handicapped and brain injured patients.

The resident will also have the opportunity to participate in community-based health care pediatric optometry, various school based clinic services, and private practice pediatric optometry. Additional opportunities include working with pediatric ophthalmology, pediatric neuropsychiatry, and other pediatric subspecialties.

The program allows the resident to develop the ability to educate and instruct others by participating in grand rounds, clinical supervision of optometry students, practitioner seminars and graduate courses. In addition, there is opportunity for clinical research and presentations. A paper of manuscript quality is required.

Schedule: A minimum of 40 hours per week is required. The majority of the resident's time will be spent at MCO participating in pediatric clinic, clinical research and professional development. The remaining time may be spent in a community-based health center, private ophthalmological, or optometric practice or rehabilitation hospital.

Stipend: \$31,000 per year. Benefits include full medical and professional liability insurance.

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OCULAR DISEASE/PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCY John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit

Positions Available: 2

The hospital-based optometry residency at John D. Dingell VAMC Health Care System will provide post-doctorate clinical experiences resulting in advanced competency in the evaluation, treatment and management of a wide variety of ocular conditions, with a special emphasis on ocular disease. This residency will equip the resident with the necessary tools for lifelong learning, thereby enabling advanced-level competency throughout his or her professional career. The residency will provide the professional and clinical foundation for the resident's future contributions to the profession of optometry, and provides extensive experience in the interdisciplinary clinical care of patients with systemic health problems. The residency serves to sharpen the management skills of the post-graduate optometrist in dealing with specific ocular diseases. The program offers the opportunity for scholarly pursuits, including student teaching, clinical research, and oral and written presentations.

The medical center provides both outpatient and inpatient care to eligible veterans living in the region. Services include comprehensive primary health care, substance abuse treatment, surgical care and treatment, psychiatric care, dental care and nursing home care. The facility was built in 1998 and extends primary medical care to veterans living in Michigan.

Schedule: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday.

Stipends and Expenses: The resident will receive \$32,500 for the year in training. The resident is entitled to 13 days of annual leave and 13 days of sick leave for the duration of the residency program. Authorized absence can be granted for educational purposes (such as conferences). In addition, benefits include federal health, life and professional liability insurance.

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