

Kentucky College of Optometry

Residency Programs



The Kentucky College of Optometry offers post-graduate training and education through our various residency programs.

Doctors of Optometry can gain an additional year of advanced clinical training by participating in a one-year post-doctoral residency program. These programs provide opportunities in research, specialty care, and optometry education.

AFFILIATED RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Milan Eye Center

Ocular Disease with an emphasis
in Anterior Segment

University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Optometry

Primary Care with an emphasis
in Ocular Disease

Pediatric Optometry



MILAN EYE CENTER

Ocular Disease with an Emphasis in Anterior Segment Residency | Cumming, GA | milaneyecenter.com

Program Overview

The residency in ocular disease at Milan Eye Center is designed to build proficiency in the treatment and management of ocular disease and the surgical co-management of anterior segment, glaucoma and oculoplastic surgery. Milan Eye Center is a multi-office, referral center, located North of Atlanta. We have 10 Optometrists and 11 Ophthalmologists on staff at 8 locations. The main focus of the practice is anterior segment and oculoplastic surgery with an emphasis in cataract, cornea and MIG surgeries. The resident will see their own patients as well as see patients with attending physicians in multiple locations. The resident will also be responsible to see emergency referrals from local O. D.s and M.D.s. Residents will work with optometry externs in clinic.

ACOE Accreditation Status

The Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) has granted Milan Eye Center Ocular Disease with an emphasis in Anterior Segment Residency the accreditation status of "Accredited." Accredited is a classification granted to an educational program indicating that the program generally meets the Standards for accreditation. For more information, see the ACOE's website at www.theacoe.org or contact the ACOE at accredit@theacoe.org.

Accreditation Council on Optometric Education

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Program Length: 53 weeks

Typical Weekly Hours and After-Hours

Responsibilities: 44 weekly hours and on-call responsibilities. The resident will be on-call a total of 4 weeks throughout the year

Application Materials:

To apply, please send a letter of intent, CV, transcripts and letters of recommendation directly to ORMatch.

Application Deadline: January 31
Number of Positions: 1

Mission

The Residency in Ocular Disease, at Milan Eye Center, seeks to attract the premier optometric graduates into an enriched ophthalmic private practice setting conducive to the advancement of optometric education and clinical expertise.

This is accomplished by providing the optometric resident the opportunity to experience a wide diversity of ocular disease, with an emphasis in anterior segment pathology, through observation and direct patient care in a referral based, secondary care setting. Education is further complemented through self learning, didactic education and formal presentations. The residency will provide advanced training in the clinical diagnosis and management of ocular disease and surgical co-management of ocular surgeries. The program will allow the residency graduate to deliver the highest quality in patient care.

The ultimate goal is to prepare the resident for a career in optometric practice which may include co-management/consultative referral clinics, academic education, or primary care settings, and to serve the profession as leaders in the optometric community. A commitment to excellence in patient care, the continual pursuit of knowledge, and the maintenance of the highest ethical standards are ideals that will be instilled in each resident enabling them to meet the everyday challenges of their profession and to serve as emulous examples to their peers, colleagues, and the profession.

Requirements for Residency Completion

- » Completion of clinic duties including patient care, and on-call after hours care including communication with referring doctors and staff.
- » Complete patient care logs commensurate with the amount of patient encounters to reach the goal of the program.
- » Complete quarterly evaluations, as required by the program, listed in Meditrek.
- » Participate in CE meetings organized by MEC and other co-managing practices.

- » Participate in discussions concerning the Resident Reading List which includes educational journal articles to enhance didactic knowledge level.
- » Completion of one journal paper of publishable quality.
- » Presentation of at least 4 lectures or posters, throughout the year.

Application & Selection Process

The Program Coordinator and the Residency Committee at Milan Eye Center will conduct interviews of selected candidates. Interviews will be by Zoom or in person, depending on circumstances. They will order prospective candidates based on multiple criteria and submit their order to ORMS for matching.

Candidates must meet these requirements:

- » Application information sent to OR Match website
- » Interview with program director, coordinator, and/or faculty
- » O.D. degree from a school or college accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education
- » Competitive GPA
- » Eligible for a Georgia state optometric license

Salary and Benefits

- » \$40,000
- » Insurance: Health and Dental
- » Full liability coverage
- » Annual vacation/sick leave/professional development

Please contact the Program Coordinator,

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or the Director of Residencies,
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Primary Care with an Emphasis in Ocular Disease Residency | Pikeville, KY | upike.edu/optometry/kyco-residencies

Program Overview

The Kentucky College of Optometry Primary Care with Emphasis in Ocular Disease Residency is an office and hospital-based program that provides a patient base amongst a broad spectrum of disease. The program provides experiences expanding across the full scope of primary optometric practice, including anterior and posterior segment disease. There are opportunities in the evaluation of systemic disease, imaging, blood work, and emergency department referrals. Sub-specialty clinics function at the principle residency site, including laser procedures of the anterior segment and minor surgical procedures. Residents will work under the direction of optometrists and ophthalmologists in the direct care of patients, as well as precepting optometry students. Grand rounds presentations, a scholarly poster submission, and a paper of publishable quality are to be completed by the resident by the time of graduation. Upon successful completion of the program, residents will be proficient primary eye care providers who are competent in the management of ocular disease, while serving as integral healthcare team members.

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The Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) has granted University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Optometry Primary Care with an emphasis in Ocular Disease Residency the accreditation status of "Accredited."

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Program Length: approximately 54 weeks
Typical Weekly Hours and After-Hours Responsibilities: 40-50 weekly hours
Application Materials:

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directly to ORMatch.

Application Deadline: January 31

Number of Positions: 1

Requirements for Residency Completion

- » Completion of clinic duties including patient care and communication with referring doctors and staff.
- » Complete patient care logs commensurate with the amount of patient encounters to reach the goal of the program.
- » Complete quarterly evaluations, as required by the program, listed in Meditrek.
- » Presentation in at least two grand rounds presentations, including KYCO Residents Day.
- » Participate in discussions concerning the Resident Reading List which includes educational journal articles to enhance clinical knowledge.
- » Completion of one case report of publishable quality.
- » Submission of a poster/paper abstract to a scholarly society, e.g., American Academy of Optometry.
- » Must display growth and proficiency in the treatment and management of vision and ocular conditions.

Application & Selection Process

The selection procedure is initiated through the ORMatch program by National Matching Services Inc. Candidates submit their applications through the standardized process displayed by the ORMatch program no later than the deadlines specified by the service on a yearly basis. Applicants are selected for an interview based upon their official optometry school transcript, national board scores, curriculum vitae, letters of interest, and at least three reference letters. Reference letters must be submitted by licensed optometrists who can personally and objectively attest to the candidate's clinical competency.

Applicants are selected for an interview by the residency coordinator based upon the objective review of their submitted documentation and how the applicant aligns with the program's mission, goals, and objectives, based on their letter of intention. Candidates must have a competitive GPA.

Candidates selected for an interview will be evaluated by the Residency Program Coordinator and at least two other faculty

members (which may include the current resident) in a one hour allotted time slot. The candidates will be evaluated on knowledge-base, critical thinking skills, communication skills, receptivity to learning, and professional demeanor/interest.

The candidates will then be ranked in the ORMatch system based on the candidate's application and overall interview scores with consideration regarding interviewer comments. The ranking is decided by the Program Coordinator in consultation with the Residency Committee at KYCO.

By the time of matriculation into the residency program, the candidate must have been awarded an O.D. degree from a school or college accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education and be eligible for a Kentucky state optometric license.

In summary, candidates must meet these requirements:

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- » O.D. degree from a school or college accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education
- » Competitive GPA
- » Eligible for a Kentucky state optometric license

Salary and Benefits

- » \$41,000
- » Insurance: health and life
- » Full liability coverage
- » Annual vacation/sick leave/professional development

Please contact the Program Coordinator, Dr.

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Pediatric Optometry Residency | Pikeville, KY | upike.edu/optometry/kyco-residencies

Program Overview

The Kentucky College of Optometry Pediatric Residency is a school clinic and hospital-based program that provides experience in working with a wide variety of patients, primarily in pediatric primary care and binocular vision. There are opportunities to work with patients of all ages and in a variety of settings. Residents will gain expertise in the diagnosis and management of binocular vision disorders (strabismus, amblyopia, oculomotor dysfunction, etc.), caring for infant and young children, working with patients with developmental disabilities, and in the evaluation and management of visual information processing disorders. Additional aspects of the program include weekly conferences with faculty for case and topic discussion, participation in outreach programs such as local school screenings, a paper of publishable quality, two Grand Rounds-style professional presentations, scholarly poster submission, and other activities as assigned by the Residency Program Coordinator. The program is designed to enhance the resident's education through both clinical and didactic activities. Residents will be responsible for direct care and precepting, with increasing levels of independence throughout the year. Upon successful completion of the program, residents will be well-rounded practitioners comfortable in the management of pediatric optometric care and binocular vision disorders.

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- » Must display growth and proficiency in the treatment and management of binocular vision and pediatric primary care conditions.

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