



# Residency in Ocular Disease at the Cincinnati VAMC Eye Center

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<http://www.cincinnati.va.gov/internships/Optometry.asp>

### Program Description:

The Cincinnati VA Medical Center Residency in Optometry is designed to cultivate the skills of optometrists and enable them to diagnose and manage complex cases of ocular disease. The resident provides patient care with graduated levels of reduced supervision in an academically affiliated medical center, with rotations through various disciplines within the hospital.

The resident schedule reflects a heavy emphasis on clinical care, but ample time is allotted for academic enrichment in the form of grand rounds, lectures, conferences and observation of private specialists. The residency program also offers training on advanced diagnostic equipment: FANG, ICG, OCTs (Cirrus, Visante), Photography (anterior segment and fundus), performing minor surgeries and daily interaction with an academically affiliated ophthalmology program



### Academic Affiliate:

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### Mission:

**The mission of the optometry residency program at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center is to train individuals to be leaders in optometry by having advanced clinical competence, current knowledge, the capacity to practice full-scope optometry within an integrated health care setting, and who have the skills to participate in optometric education.**

### Goals:

- Train individuals in a multi-disciplinary practice setting to develop advanced clinical skills through direct patient care activities.
- Broaden the individual's knowledge base of ocular disease processes and to ensure they are attuned to the most current information available.
- Develop the resident's skills as an optometric educator.
- Cultivate the resident's ability to interact with other health care providers in a multi-disciplinary setting.

### Program Policies:

- Program duration is twelve months, July 1 through June 30.
- Clinical administrative hours are 7:45am-4:30pm. Although patient care may occasionally require later attendance
- Stipend established by the VA Headquarters in Washington, DC.
- Thirteen vacation days and thirteen days of sick leave (accumulated throughout the year), authorized absence for attendance of major optometric meetings and board exams as needed. Health benefits available.
- Professional liability within the clinic covered by Federal Torte Claims Act.



### Requirements For Residency Completion:

- Complete clinic duties including patient care, documentation and co-management with other medical disciplines.
- Attend weekly ophthalmology grand rounds lectures, as well as, monthly optometric continuing education lectures.
- Present weekly case report/lecture, as assigned.
- Present a poster at the East-West Eye Conference.
- Complete case report, literature review, or research project to the level of quality required by a peer-reviewed journal.
- Achieve satisfactory or higher ratings on all resident evaluations



### Application:

Application and requests for information should be directed to:

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### Before January 31<sup>st</sup>:

- Apply online to: Optometric Residency Match (ORMatch) [www.natmatch.com](http://www.natmatch.com)
- Submit letters of intent, curriculum vitae, professional school transcripts, NBEO transcripts and letters of recommendation from two faculty closely acquainted with the applicant's clinical proficiency.

The applicant must submit the online "Applicant Matching Form" before the ORMatch deadline (posted on the website) to officially request placement in the program, and agree to complete the program, if selected.

VA Residents must be U.S. citizens

Accepted candidates must obtain a state optometric license.

**Resident is able to practice full-scope under both Ohio and Tennessee Licensure.**