Pediatric Optometric Residency

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PROGRAM MISSION

The Residency Program in Pediatric Optometry at Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics provides qualified optometrists with advanced clinical education in the diagnosis and management of eye and vision problems encountered in pediatric eye care. These include, but are not limited to: amblyopia, strabismus, ocular pathology, refractive errors, developmental delays and premature birth.
Dear Applicant:

The residency in pediatric optometry is based in the ophthalmology section of the hospital, where there are 3 clinic locations, 5 pediatric ophthalmologists, 1 pediatric ophthalmology fellow, 2 ophthalmology residents, 5 pediatric optometrists, 1 optometric resident, and 1 - 2 optometric student externs.

The primary objectives of the residency are to increase the resident’s examination techniques and skills in seeing pediatric patients, including infants, toddlers and older children (up to age 18 years). The patient’s diagnosis include: retinopathy of prematurity, aphakia, trauma, accommodative esotropia, amblyopia, and routine refractive errors. Emphasis on developing a treatment plan for these conditions and following their progress is promoted. Recognizing conditions that are amblyogenic, such as ptosis, anisometropia, and strabismus is also emphasized.

The residency is affiliated with the University of Missouri – St Louis College of Optometry, and is more oriented toward advanced pediatric primary care. There is no vision therapy or orthoptics. UMSL does have a pediatric residency that is vision therapy based and is located at the school.

In addition to the clinic duties, the resident is required to attend bi monthly lectures, present journal articles at quarterly journal club, participate in “residency days” at UMSL, with a case report presentation.

The application procedure and resident responsibilities are reviewed in the following pages.

Please let me know any other questions you may have, via email (thug@cmh.edu) or regular mail:

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Good luck with your future plans in optometry.

Sincerely,

Timothy Hug, OD, FAAO
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

A. All applicants must complete and return application forms by February 1st. Supporting documents should be submitted to Dr Timothy Hug, by this same time. This program uses the ORMatch Service. Applicants must complete registration with the ORMatch and forward it as directed in the application. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all supporting documentation is submitted.

B. Applicant must have earned an O.D. degree, or will have earned such a degree by the time of matriculation from a school/college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education.

C. Applicant will furnish an official transcript from his/her school/college of optometry. An applicant should have a cumulative grade point average greater than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the professional optometric curriculum.

D. Applicant must pass all parts of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry examinations required for Missouri license and furnish official transcripts when available. If accepted, the resident is expected to obtain a Missouri optometry license.

E. Three letters of recommendation are required. Two letters must be from faculty members who have been most responsible for the clinical education of the applicant.

F. A brief letter of interest stating reasons for applying to this program.

G. A personal interview will be required, however all applicants may not be granted an interview.

H. Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics affirm that all residency candidates will be evaluated without regard to sex, race, color, creed, national origin or disabilities.
CURRICULUM

The curriculum of the program utilizes the mission, goals, and objectives of the residency as its basic elements. The residency program is designed to provide the resident experience in the delivery of pediatric primary eye care to patients from ages 6 mos to 18 years. The resident will perform a minimum of 1000 examinations on patients of this age group, including history, motility, refractive state, and ocular health exams, by age appropriate methods. These examinations may be by direct care, observed care, or precepted care.

Clinical Curriculum: The resident will participate in clinic, examining patients 4 ½ days per week. Clinic begins at 9:00 am and ends at 5:00 pm. There are no “on all” duties for the optometric resident. The resident will be responsible for examining the patient, performing necessary clinical testing, formulating a treatment plan and discussing the treatment plan with the patient and parent. The resident will present their clinical findings to either the resident supervisor or to an additional optometric staff member. The optometric staff will discuss the decision and treatment plan prior to the resident discussing with the patient or parent.

There are 3 clinical locations for the hospital, as called: Broadway, Northland and South. The physical addresses are listed below. The resident will be required to attend patient care services at all these locations.

Main: 3101 Broadway, Kansas City, MO, 64111
Northland: 501 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64155

Academic Curriculum: The resident will have ½ day per week to perform academic activities. These include but are not limited to: completion of patient care calendars; development of case reports, papers, posters or lectures. The patient care calendars will reflect the patients seen daily by the resident, including documentation of the condition, and complexity of the care.

The resident will attend the lecture series twice a month presented by the pediatric ophthalmology department.

The resident will attend the monthly hospital based pediatric resident lecture series.

The resident will participate in the quarterly journal club, and bring a relevant article to discuss.

The resident will participate in the weekly journal discussion with the program faculty.
The resident will be required to complete an academic activity calendar, documenting their participation in the lectures and journal clubs.

The resident will be provided the Clinical practice guidelines for the AOA in pediatric patient care, and the American Academy Of Ophthalmology pediatric series.

STIPEND AND BENEFITS

The residency program is fifty two weeks in length from July 1 to June 30. The resident will have medical and dental insurance through the Children’s Mercy’s group plan provided. Professional liability insurance is provided by Children’s Mercy Hospital and Clinics. A continuing education allowance is also provided by Children’s Mercy Hospital and Clinics, to support travel to one academic meeting during the academic year.

LEAVE POLICY

Two weeks of paid time off and one week of paid sick time are provided to the resident. Additional educational leave may be allowed at the discretion of the program director. Academic activities, such as attendance at continuing education meetings, will be considered professional development time, and will be paid without use of the residents two weeks of paid time off.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

The resident is required to write a paper based upon original research, literature review, or a clinical case suitable for publication in a refereed optometric journal. A poster presentation at the Academy of Optometry or other national meeting is another option to fulfill this requirement. The resident will attend the Residency Days program at the University of Missouri-St Louis College of Optometry in the fall of their academic year. The resident will prepare and present a case report.
CRITERIA FOR COMPLETION OF RESIDENCY

A. The resident is required to deliver clinical services at a level which is satisfactory to the Optometric Residency Supervisor of the Children’s Mercy Hospitals. The office is open from 9:00 A.M. until patient care is completed, usually around 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

B. The resident will be required to write a paper based on original research, or a clinical case report, or poster in an acceptable format similar to that of a professional journal, or as required for a national optometric meeting.

C. The resident will be expected to perform in a professional manner in the delivery of patient care services and to observe those proprieties of conduct and courtesies that are consistent with the rules and regulations governing Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics.

D. The resident will be expected to assist in the continuing education programs provided at the department of ophthalmology, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics.

E. The resident will be required to participate in and complete the requirements set forth in the curriculum.

F. Upon successful completion of the Residency Program, the Residency Supervisor and the Director of Residency Programs will recommend the granting of certification.

G. Any resident accepted for training can be dismissed, without receiving a certificate of completion, for infractions of the rules and regulations of the University of Missouri St Louis College of Optometry or, or for any action that jeopardizes the safety of patients, personnel, or physical facilities.

H. Upon evidence of satisfactory performance in meeting all requirements of the program, the resident will be awarded a Certificate of Completion.