

# Ocular Disease Residency at Center for Sight and Dry Eye Institute

Category Title: Ocular Disease

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The mission of the ocular disease residency program at the Center for Sight & Dry Eye Institute is to provide qualified optometrists with advanced competency in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of ocular disease within a secondary care setting. Upon successful completion of the program, the resident shall have fostered didactic and teaching skills and developed into an exceptional clinician fully prepared to enter a variety of clinical and academic settings.



- **Program Site:** Center for Sight and Dry Eye Institute; Carmel, Indiana
- **Program Coordinator** Austin Lifferth, OD, FAAO
- **Residency Director:** Christine Allison, OD, FAAO
- **Number of Positions:** 1
- **Program Dates:** 53-week program beginning the first week in July
- **Accredited,** The residency program is accredited by the ACOE (<https://theacoe.org/>)
- 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 301, St. Louis, MO 63141; 1-800-365-2219
- **ORMatch#:** 42114

## Program Description

This is a full-time, 53-week residency program, beginning the first week of July. The first 4-8 days of the program are dedicated to resident orientation. Center for Sight and Dry Eye Institute is a secondary care center which receives many referrals from across all medical professions. The optometry resident works directly with each of the providers within the clinic every week. Residents will develop advanced competency in ocular disease through intensive clinical training in emergency eye care, peri-operative cataract and refractive surgery care, anterior segment disease, retinal disease, and glaucoma. Skills of performing

and interpreting diagnostic testing such as corneal topography, OCT, B-scan ultrasonography, visual fields, fundus photography, and electroretinography will be developed and enhanced. Additionally, the resident will have opportunities to interact with other sub-specialists in the optometric and ophthalmic professions.



## Program Design

The focus of the program is on clinical care, but also includes didactic education and scholarly activity. The resident is involved in direct patient care 5 days a week with two half-days devoted to scholarly and didactic activities.

## Educational Conferences

- Monthly grand rounds
- Grand Rounds presented to faculty and students at the Illinois College of Optometry
- Present at 2 continuing education conferences
- Complete a publishable quality study or case report



## Salary

\$48,000 per year

## Benefits

There is health insurance coverage, professional liability insurance, and 10 days of paid vacation in addition to clinic holidays. Continuing education allowance, licensure fees, and professional organizational fees up to \$2,000.

## Criteria for Completion

- Successful completion of all clinical assignments
- Successful completion of clinical learning objectives
- Participation in grand rounds
- A written paper of publishable quality, completed by the end of the residency period. An American Academy of Optometry case report for fellowship is also acceptable.

## Eligibility Criteria

Application through ORMatch. US citizens only.

## Completion of Acknowledgment

A certificate is presented on completion of the program from the Center for Sight and Dry Eye Institute.

## For more information

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