

Pediatric Optometry / Vision Therapy and Vision Rehabilitation Residency

New Category: Pediatric Optometry

Emphasis: Vision Therapy and Vision Rehabilitation

Providing Advanced Competency Training in Binocular Vision and Pediatric Optometry through Education, Scholarship and Patient Care



- **Program Site:** Illinois Eye Institute, Illinois College of Optometry
- **Program Coordinator:** Megan Allen, OD
- **Residency Director:** Christine Allison, OD, FAAO, FCOVD
- **Number of Positions:** 2
- **Program Dates:** 1 year program (53 weeks) beginning the first Monday in July. There is some overlap with current residents for orientation.
- **Accredited,** The Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) has granted the Residency in Pediatric Optometry, with Emphasis in Vision Therapy and Vision Rehabilitation at The Illinois College of Optometry 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 or contact them at 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 301, St. Louis, MO 63141; 1-800-365-2219
- **ORMatch:** 15230

Program Description

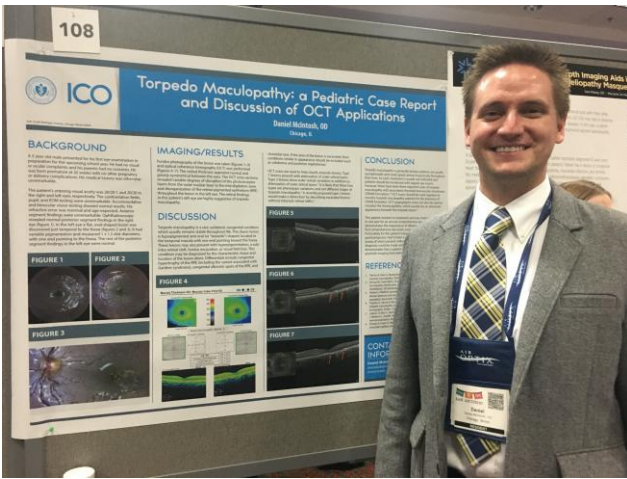
Advanced clinical experience in binocular vision and pediatric optometry is provided in this program. The residency offers a special opportunity to develop expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of the following: strabismus and amblyopia; non-strabismic binocular vision, accommodative, and ocular motility disorders; vision-related learning problems; and vision care for infants, children, head trauma patients, and those with special needs. The program is designed to provide the resident with intensive clinical training and experience through participation in both patient care and didactic activities. The resident has an opportunity to provide vision care to a large number of patients from varied socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.

Other responsibilities include supervising students in clinic, giving grand rounds presentations, attending the weekly Resident Seminar, completing a research project or case report of publishable quality, and clinical rotations in specialty advanced-care clinics and the Emergency Service at the Illinois Eye Institute. The program is flexible and may be adapted to the resident's particular needs and interest

Educational Responsibilities:

- Direct patient care in the Binocular Vision & Pediatric Service.
- Supervision of fourth year optometry students.
- Direct patient care in the Emergency Service.
- Co-management of cases with ophthalmology and other health care providers.
- Literature review and clinical research.

- Weekly seminar and case discussions with senior faculty.
- Opportunity to provide some pediatric low vision services.



Research Responsibilities:

Required (one or the other)

- A completed research project of publishable quality.
- Literature review or case report of publishable quality.

Criteria for Completion

- Attendance at all clinical assignments.
- Attendance and participation in all scheduled conferences.
- Submission of a paper of publishable quality.
- Successful completion of all learning objectives.

Curriculum Requirements In Hours:

40 – 45 hours per week

- Peds/BV: direct care, precepting: 18 hours
- Urgent Care: 4-5 hours
- Educational Rounds: 3 hours
- Research development
- Consultation

Salary/Stipend

\$45,000 per year

Benefits:

- Medical and dental insurance; prescription card (monthly fee to participate)
- Professional liability insurance
- 11 days paid vacation
- 5 days for continuing education / meetings
- 5 days for sick leave
- Group term life insurance
- Disability insurance

For more information

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