

# Primary Care Residency at HealthPartners Medical Group

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Category Title: Primary Care Optometry

Emphasis: Ocular Disease

**Mission:** The optometric residency program at HealthPartners Medical Group provides qualified optometrists the opportunity to enhance their skills in the diagnosis and treatment of ocular conditions by being immersed in a busy primary care practice associated with a large medical group. We care for a diverse population of patients and coordinate care with ophthalmologists, primary care, and other specialty care clinicians.

**Program Site:** HealthPartners Medical Group Eye Clinics; St. Paul, Minnesota and affiliated clinic locations

**Program Coordinator:** Katherine Spencer, OD [katherine.l.spencer@healthpartners.com](mailto:katherine.l.spencer@healthpartners.com)

**Residency Director:** Christine Allison, OD, FAAO

**Number of Positions:** 1

**Program Dates:** 54-week program starting in early July

**Accreditation pending** by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 301, St. Louis, MO 63141; 1-800-365-2219; (<https://thecoe.org/>)

**ORMatch#:** 44834

## Program Description

This post-graduate residency program is offered by HealthPartners Medical Group in Minnesota, an affiliate of the Illinois College of Optometry. The program focuses on Primary Care Optometry emphasizing medical optometric care. The resident will gain experience in managing ocular disease and will be involved in the interdisciplinary care of patients. It is based at the HealthPartners Specialty Center in St. Paul and includes rotations to other eye care clinic locations in the Twin Cities metro area. The resident will provide comprehensive eye care including contact lens services working primarily with optometrists and collaborating with ophthalmologists. They will also be involved with specialty eye care services including dry eye, myopia management, pediatrics, vision rehabilitation, and urgent care. The residency program includes shadowing of general ophthalmologists, eye care subspecialists, and specialty care clinicians outside of eye care. The resident will gain insight into coordinating care with other healthcare specialties. They will also have the unique opportunity to learn about the administration of a busy, integrated eye care practice by meeting with supervisors and managers in the eye care department.

The program focuses on clinical care but also includes didactic education and scholarly activity. Two clinical projects, such as poster presentations or case reports, are required during the residency period. Residents will be asked to present case reports at HealthPartners meetings

and at resident seminars at the Illinois College of Optometry and other local or national optometric conferences.

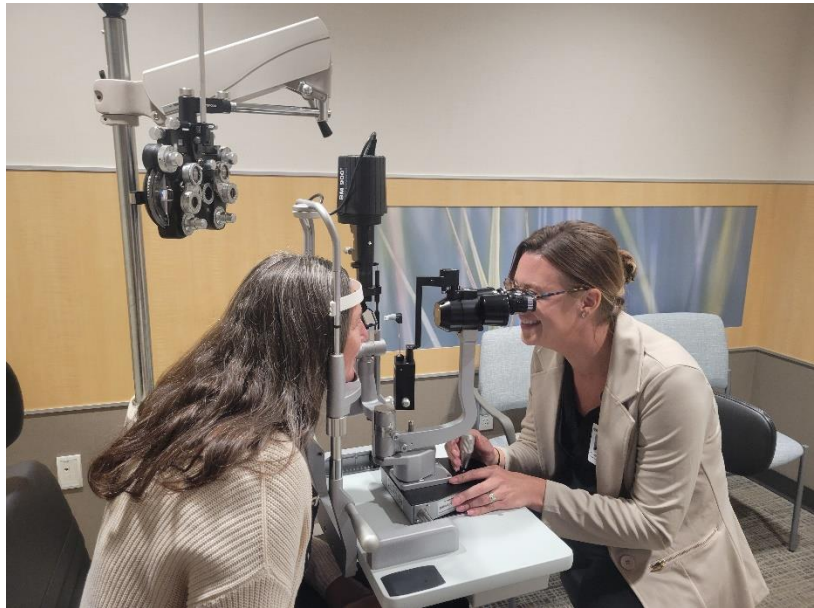
## About HealthPartners

HealthPartners is an integrated health care organization providing high-quality care across 8 hospitals, 55 primary care clinics, 22 urgent care locations and numerous specialty practices in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. We are the largest consumer-governed, nonprofit health care organization in the country. The HealthPartners community is driven by our Head + Heart, Together philosophy – a compassionate commitment to the well-being of the people and places we serve. Our goal is to make high-quality health care simple and more affordable for everyone in our community.

The Eye Care Department at HealthPartners includes optometry, ophthalmology, and optical services. We have 19 optometrists and 13 ophthalmologists - general and subspecialists, who share in the care of our patients. We provide eye care services in 7 locations including Apple Valley, Arden Hills, Bloomington, St. Paul - Como, St. Paul - HealthPartners Specialty Center, St. Louis Park, and Woodbury.

## Program Design

The resident is involved in direct patient care in optometry 4 days a week with an additional ½ day of various activities including shadowing other clinicians, attending and preparing presentations, journal review, and independent study.



## Educational Opportunities

- Clinical Project – present at least poster or case report at a conference
- Eye department clinician meetings at HealthPartners
- Grand Rounds at Illinois College of Optometry – participate in at least 1 conference on the ICO campus in Chicago
- Complete 2 publishable quality poster presentations or case reports
- Journal Club with area residents – participate and present clinical project

## **Salary**

\$55,000/year

## **Benefits**

Health Insurance

Professional Liability Insurance

PTO

Continued Medical Education allowance

## **Criteria for Completion**

- Attendance at and successful completion of all clinical assignments
- Successful completion of clinical learning objectives
- Participation in HP case presentations and department meetings
- Case report in the format used by the American Academy of Optometry, completed by the end of the residency period

## **Acknowledgement of Completion**

A certificate is presented upon completion of the residency program from HealthPartners Medical Group Eye Department

## **For More Information**

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