

# Pacific University Affiliated Vision Therapy, Rehabilitation and Pediatric Optometry Residencies



## Bright Eyes Vision Clinic

Residency Coordinator: Jill K. Schultz, OD, FCOVD, FAAO, FNORA  
Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor, Pacific University College of Optometry

### THE PROGRAM

This residency is a full-time, formal, supervised program consisting of direct patient care, didactic education, teaching experience and scholarly activities. The learning objectives are achieved through patient care, case studies and seminars which will facilitate the resident's development into an expert clinician in the areas of pediatric optometry, binocular vision, vision development, neuro-optometric rehabilitation and vision enhancement.

A unique component of this program is equipping the resident with the necessary practice management skills to operate a private practice and successfully market its unique services. The resident will also learn to interact and co-manage patients with other optometrists, child development specialists, educators and rehabilitation professionals.

This program provides qualified graduate optometrists with advanced clinical experience in the diagnosis and management of:

- Pediatric vision conditions
- Binocular vision disorders
- Visual-perceptual dysfunctions
- Acquired brain injury
- Visually related learning difficulties
- Other functional vision deficits

The two offices located in Minnetonka and Otsego, MN are equipped with current diagnostic and treatment tools such as corneal mapping, fundus photography, OCT, VF, VEP, ERG, VTS, SVI and CRT.

**Program length:** 54 weeks, Starting July 1

**Work Schedule:** Approximately 40 hours per week

**Clinical Teaching Opportunities:** Supervision of staff and vision therapists



### SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The Resident will:

- Write a paper of publishable quality based upon original research, literature review, or a clinical case that is suitable for submission to a refereed professional journal under the guidance and support of the residency faculty
- Participate in the local Minnesota AAO Journal Club
- Present a lecture at the Pacific University Residents Conference and present papers, posters or lectures in other settings such as at the AAO, COVD, NORA, AOA or other local meetings
- Teaching and presentation to therapy staff
- Present to local vision therapy offices and participate at the MN COVD Study Group
- Present at least one community lecture to parents, educators or other professionals
- Create presentations for eye care professionals, non-eye care professionals and the public

### DIDACTIC ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Weekly patient case review sessions with Residency Coordinator
- Weekly vision therapy case and technique sessions
- Vision therapy and practice management quarterly Vision Source meetings
- Reimbursement allowance to attend approved education meetings, such as:
  - College of Optometrists in Vision Development Annual Meeting
  - Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association Annual Meeting
  - American Academy of Optometry Annual Meeting
  - Great Lakes Regional OEP meeting
  - Minnesota Optometric Association meetings
  - Local inter-disciplinary meetings

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## Pacific University College of Optometry

Residency Coordinator: Graham B. Erickson, O.D., FAAO, FCOVD  
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### THE PROGRAM

The mission of the Pacific University College of Optometry Vision Therapy/Rehabilitation and Pediatric Optometry residency program is to prepare optometrists for professional excellence by providing advanced clinical experience and academic teaching exposure in pediatrics, vision therapy/rehabilitation, and co-management of strabismus and vision therapy in a primary care setting.

The unique aspect of this program is the exposure to a variety of approaches to optometric care through interaction with many clinical faculty. In addition to the variety of clinical faculty, there are several clinical sites that provide unique experiences in vision therapy, rehabilitation and pediatric patient care.

**Program length:** 54 weeks, Starting July 1

**Work Schedule:** Approximately 40 hours per week

### RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE

#### Clinical Activities

The resident will be provided with a large number of patient encounters in a variety of clinical settings with diverse patient populations. These patient encounters will provide exposure to a large variety of pediatric, binocular vision and visual information processing conditions and an enhanced experience with co-management of patient care.

#### Teaching & Lecturing

The resident will serve as an assistant course instructor for second and third year laboratories in the areas of Vision Therapy for Binocular and Ocular Dysfunction, and Assessment and Management of Strabismus and Amblyopia. In addition to instruction, the resident will be responsible for lab preparation and grading. Lecture experience is provided at the annual Northwest Residents Conference where the resident presents an original lecture, case report, or summary of research. The resident may present lectures and workshops in the form of continuing education, grand rounds, classroom presentations.

#### Scholarly Activities

The resident is required to complete a research paper, literature review or case report of publishable quality by the end of the residency program to present at the annual Northwest Residents Conference. Attendance is encouraged at Pacific University sponsored continuing education programs and the registration fees are waived. The resident is also encouraged to attend other educational programs.



### CLINICAL FACILITIES

#### Pacific EyeClinic Portland

This clinic, located in a medical building in downtown Portland, serves the eye care needs of Multnomah County and is a full scope primary care facility. This is where the resident participates in a full day per week of patient care in the Ocular Motility and Neuro Optometry Center (OMNO) – a co-management clinic directed by an optometric physician, Dr. Richard London, and a pediatric ophthalmologist, Dr. David Wheeler. Observation of strabismus surgery is an element of this experience.

#### Pacific EyeClinic Forest Grove

Located in the newer section of Jefferson Hall on the Forest Grove campus, this clinic serves the eye care needs of Western Washington County and is a full scope primary care facility. This is a specialty referral service that will provide one half day per week of vision therapy experience in the care of special populations.

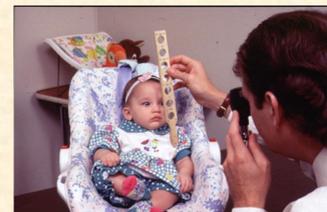


#### Veterans Administration Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS)

The VAPORHCS hospital serves the veterans of Northern Oregon and Southwest Washington in a hospital-based setting. Vision rehabilitation opportunities include post-trauma, acquired brain injury, low vision and other conditions unique to a largely elderly, male population. The resident will assist in providing direct vision rehabilitation care as part of a multidisciplinary team one full day per week. This is an excellent experience for the resident to manage a wide variety of ocular and systemic pathologies that affects binocular vision and vision perception.

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## Vision Northwest – Linking Developmental Learning and Rehabilitation

Residency Coordinator: Curtis R. Baxstrom, MA, OD, FCOVD, FAAO, FNORA  
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### THE PROGRAM

This residency is a full-time, formal, supervised program consisting of direct patient care, didactic education, teaching experience and scholarly activities. The learning objectives are achieved through patient care, case studies and seminars which will facilitate the resident's development into an expert clinician in the areas of pediatric optometry, binocular vision, vision development, neuro-optometric rehabilitation, visually related learning difficulties and vision enhancement.

A unique component of this program is equipping the resident with the necessary practice management skills to operate a private practice and successfully market its unique services. The resident will also learn to interact and co-manage patients with other optometrists, child development specialists, educators and rehabilitation professionals.

This program provides qualified graduate optometrists with advanced clinical experience in the diagnosis and management of:

- Pediatric eye diseases
- Binocular vision disorders
- Visual-perceptual dysfunctions
- Acquired brain injury
- Visually related learning difficulties
- Other functional vision deficits

The office is equipped with current diagnostic and treatment tools.

**Program length:** 54 weeks, Starting July 1

**Work Schedule:** Approximately 40-50 hours per week

**Clinical Teaching Opportunities:** Supervision of staff and vision therapists.



### SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The Resident will:

- Present a lecture at the Pacific University Resident's Conference
- Present papers, posters or lectures in other meetings as possible
- Consider writing a paper of publishable quality based upon original research, literature review, or a clinical case that is suitable for submission to a refereed professional journal under the guidance and support of the residency faculty.

### DIDACTIC ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Weekly patient case review sessions with Residency Coordinator
- Weekly vision therapy case and technique sessions
- Vision therapy practice management quarterly meetings
- Educational DVD's from NORA and COVD (applied concepts courses)
- Reimbursement allowance to attend approved education meetings, such as:
  - College of Optometrists in Vision Development Annual Meeting
  - Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association Annual Meeting
  - American Academy of Optometry Annual Meeting
  - Northwest Congress-OEPF
  - Regional Clinical Seminars
  - Optometric Physicians of Washington meetings

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## Northwest Eye Care Professionals

Residency Coordinator: Bruce Wojciechowski, OD, FCOVD  
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### THE PROGRAM

This residency provides qualified graduate optometrists with advanced clinical experience in the management and treatment of vision disorders. The resident will engage in both modeling and direct patient contact including cases in amblyopia/strabismus, acquired brain injury, developmental delays and vision related learning difficulties.

Graduate optometrists will play a key role in implementing a unique community based program that will screen and determine treatment for medically fragile children with vision and complex medical needs. These experiences facilitate the resident's development into an exceptional clinician offering specialized skills in optometric care for vision rehabilitation patients and persons with binocular and developmental vision impairment.

Our offices in Clackamas and Beaverton, OR, and Vancouver, WA are equipped with current diagnostic and treatment equipment. In addition to vision therapy equipment, the resident has access to OCT, VF, VEP, ERG, and fundus photography.

**Program length:** 52 weeks starting July 1

**Work Schedule:** Approximately 40-50 hours a week

**Clinical Teaching Opportunities:** Supervision of staff and Vision Therapists

### Strengths of the Program

The resident will gain clinical experience in all aspects of vision therapy and rehabilitative care. In addition to the clinical experience available at Northwest Eye Care Professionals, the resident has the opportunity to see patients at external multidisciplinary clinics. These locations provide exposure to a wider variety of conditions. The resident will meet on a weekly basis with the residency supervisor for discussion of current cases. The development of the resident's understanding of the business and accounting aspects of successful management of a practice devoted to children, rehabilitation, and vision therapy is facilitated by interaction with the practice's office manager and billing and insurance coordinators.



### SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The Resident is expected to author at least one manuscript suitable for publication and to present this work at the annual Northwest Residents Conference at Pacific University.

The resident may attend Pacific University sponsored continuing education programs and the registration fees are waived during the residency year. The resident is encouraged to attend other educational programs.

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