



Ocular Disease Residency Program

Mission

The mission of the Residency in Ocular Disease at Fromer Eye Centers is to offer qualified optometrists advanced clinical training and education in the diagnosis and treatment of ocular disease in a private practice environment. The program will prepare the resident to work confidently and efficiently as part of a dynamic team of professionals including ophthalmologists, optometrists, ophthalmic technicians, opticians and administrative personnel.

About the Program*

The residency in Ocular Disease at Fromer Eye Centers (FEC) will provide the resident with advanced clinical training and education necessary to deliver comprehensive ophthalmic care that meets the needs of a diverse population of patients having ocular disease. The resident will have responsibilities in patient care and patient education. They will also participate in emergency care as part of their on-call duties. The resident will be expected to provide a full range of ophthalmic patient care services with emphasis in the differential diagnosis and treatment of ocular disease and visual pathway dysfunction. They will have the opportunity to work alongside ophthalmologists specializing in retina-vitreous, glaucoma, cornea, oculo-plastics and pediatrics. They will provide pre- and post-operative care as well as co-manage refractive surgery patients and observe ocular surgical procedures. They will also have the opportunity to perform specialty contact lens fittings. The resident will be a member of a multi-disciplinary eye care team and be responsible for appropriate utilization of the practice's resources and personnel. Training will be accomplished through direct patient care, seminars, grand rounds and independent study. As a member of the FEC staff, the resident will also be expected to attend and participate in FEC staff meetings, trainings and retreats. These sessions will expose the resident to the inner workings and management intricacies of private practice.

The program will provide clinical, didactic and scholarly components. The clinical experience is a direct patient care component in a private practice office setting. The didactic component consists of in-house weekly case discussions and presentations, as well as participation in the Friday Program affiliated with The SUNY College of Optometry. The resident will also be required to present a 50 minute COPE approved lecture and produce a paper of publishable quality as part of their scholarly activities.

About the Residency Supervisor:

Dr. Diane Calderón received her Doctor of Optometry degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) and completed a residency in primary care and ocular disease at The Eye Institute at PCO. She held a faculty appointment at Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Dr. Calderón is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, served as a Clinical Examiner of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry and is a member of the American Optometric Association.



Residency Program Information Sheet

Compensation:	\$38,000 per year (the resident's compensation is not contingent upon productivity)
Duration:	July 1 – June 30
Weekly Hours:	40 hours, Monday - Friday
Location:	Bronx, New York
On- Call Duties:	2 months total (one month in beginning of residency, one month at end of residency)
Benefits:	1.25 days of vacation per month (15 days total per year) 6 paid holidays as per company policy Health insurance benefits Professional liability (malpractice insurance) \$800.00 stipend for professional association meeting 3 days allowed for attending professional association meeting
Contact:	Diane Calderón, O.D., F.A.A.O. Fromer Eye Centers 3130 Grand Concourse, Suite B6 Bronx, New York 10458 Phone (718) 741-3200 dcalderon@fromereye.com

Fromer Eye Centers (FEC) Optometric Ocular Disease Residency
Application Procedure

A. Eligibility

- Attainment of the Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree from a school or college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education
- Successful completion of Parts I, II, III and TMOD of the National Board Exams in Optometry
- License to practice optometry in the state of New York (to be acquired within the first month of starting residency program, if not sooner)

B. Process

All eligible candidates must register through ORMatch (Optometry Residency Match):

www.natmatch.com/ormatch

A summary of application instructions is as follows:

1. Contact the residency program supervisor – it is recommended that this be done prior to January 15th.
- Diane Calderon, OD – dcalderon@fromereye.com
2. Submit a completed application and the processing fee. This must be done through ORMatch on or before February 1st.
3. Assemble a packet that contains:
 - a. Curriculum vitae
 - b. NBEO scores
 - c. Optometry school transcripts
 - d. Brief statement of interest (letter of intent)
4. Arrange for three (3) letters of recommendation to be forwarded to the program supervisor.

**All application materials may be submitted electronically to dcalderon@fromereye.com or mailed to the following address:

Fromer Eye Centers
ATTN: Diane Calderon, OD, FAAO
3130 Grand Concourse, Suite 1J
Bronx, NY 10458

5. **All application materials must be received by the residency program supervisor on or before February 1st. ** Interviews will be conducted in the month of February. After completing the interview process, complete the Applicant's Ranking Form through ORMatch.

C. Records

Application documents are processed and filed in the office of each Residency Program Supervisor, but are available upon request to the Director of Residency Education and/or the Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs or President.

D. Non-discrimination policy:

In selecting residents, Fromer Eye Centers does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of age, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability, religion, ancestry, national or ethnic origin. The practice adheres to all federal, state and city laws and regulations regarding non-discrimination.