

# Ophthalmology Residency Program

Department of Small Animal Medicine  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
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## **Introduction**

The University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine is located in Athens, Georgia. Athens is a community of approximately 100,000 residents located 75 miles northeast of Atlanta. The University of Georgia Veterinary Teaching Hospital provides outpatient and hospital accommodations for the medical and surgical treatment of companion animals. Complete clinical, laboratory, pathology, and radiology facilities permit the intensive study of hospital patients.

Candidates for the ophthalmology residency must have previously completed a one-year rotating internship or its equivalent in practice expertise. The program is a 3 year program whose goals are to prepare the individual for certification in the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology.

The selected candidate will be appointed as a resident within the Department of Small Animal Medicine and will be expected to participate in all aspects of teaching responsibilities within the veterinary professional program under the supervision of faculty.

Continuation in the program is determined after a review of the resident's performance by the small animal faculty near the end of the first and second year.

For 12 months of training, 15 days, exclusive of weekends, paid vacation is provided. There are also 11 holidays each year, including 6 days during the Christmas season.

The first year will consist of approximately 9 months of clinical experience with 2 months off clinics. One 3 week block in medicine and one 3 week block in surgery is required to learn hospital protocols for these areas. Clinic duties are:

1. Participate in ophthalmology receiving in SAC
2. Participate in ophthalmic consults in SAC and LAC
3. Performing ophthalmic surgery in SAC and LAC
4. Participate in selected medicine rounds

5. Participate in faculty seminars
6. Emergency duty for ophthalmology

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The third year resident will be on clinic duty 8 months of the year and have 4 months to work on research and publications to prepare for the ACVO credentials.

An option exists for completing a Master of Science degree with the clinical residency training. To fulfill the degree requirements, residents must be admitted into the University of Georgia Graduate School. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required and a minimum score of 1000 is desirable. It is desirable for residents to write the GRE prior to starting the program. Currently, the Master's degree program is available from other departments within the College of Veterinary Medicine. The area of interest of the resident will determine the department in which he/she will pursue the degree. Time will be allotted for required course work. A Master's thesis project will be required, with a publication expected based upon the work completed.

Application may be made by sending a resume including curriculum vitae, work experience, class standing, veterinary and undergraduate transcripts, a statement of objectives for the residency, and at least 3 letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's clinical aptitude to:

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Candidates must be licensed in a state of the United States and be a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association in order to obtain liability insurance required by the hospital. Selected residents must acquire a veterinary license in the state of Georgia and be a member of the hospital staff. A faculty license may be obtained without examination, provided the resident is licensed in a state of the United States.