



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT: VA Optometry Residency Program Ocular Disease/Primary Care James H. Quillen VA Medical Center Johnson City, TN

Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of northeast Tennessee, the James H. Quillen VAMC, Mountain Home (www.mountainhome.va.gov), sits on a 207 acre campus in Johnson City, TN. Our tertiary care teaching hospital is affiliated with the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health at the adjacent [East Tennessee State University](http://www.etsu.edu) (www.etsu.edu). The campus includes a 135 bed inpatient hospital, a 120 bed nursing home care unit, and a 350 bed residential domiciliary unit. Optometry residents work closely with other health professionals in this interdisciplinary setting to maximize patient care outcomes.



Our accredited residency program was established in 1999 and is affiliated with the Southern College of Optometry. The optometry residents gain extensive experience in hospital-based eye care, with an emphasis on ocular and systemic disease, specialty ophthalmic and hospital-based testing procedures, multi-disciplinary coordination of care, and entry level low vision care. The residency experience also includes clinical teaching of optometry externs and medical students and residents, and opportunities to attend and present posters or lectures to local and national optometric association meetings.

The "Tri-Cities" area ([Johnson City](#), [Kingsport](#), and [Bristol](#)) includes the northeast Tennessee and southwest Virginia region. An affordable cost of living, scenic location, and access to a variety of amenities help make the area an ideal location to continue your optometric training.

Contact the program supervisor Dr. Larry Bennett (loren.bennett@va.gov, 423-979-3512) for more information.

