

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 12, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **Residency Specialty and Areas of Emphasis**

**TO:** Deans and Presidents of Schools and Colleges of Optometry; Directors of Optometric Residencies; Supervisors of Optometric Residencies; ACOE Consultants; Federal Service Chiefs

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Several programs have updated the specialty and/or area(s) of emphasis of optometric residencies. At its October 22-24, 2021 Meeting, the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) adopted the following clarification for changes to the specialty and/or area(s) of emphasis of optometric residency programs.

### Statement of Clarification for Residency Specialty and Areas of Emphasis

**The primary specialty identified in the title of the residency program must be reflected in its mission, goals and objectives; any emphasis area must be reflected in the goals, objectives and curriculum of the program.**

I hope that you find this clarification to be useful. If you have any additional questions, comments or suggestions for the ACOE regarding the specialty and/or area(s) of emphasis for optometric residency programs, please contact:

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For more information regarding substantive changes, which include the change of program specialty and/or area(s) of emphasis, please review the [ACOE Policy & Procedure Manual](#) available at [www.theACOE.com](http://www.theACOE.com).