Life in the Bluegrass

Lexington has been dubbed the Horse Capitol of the World, the Best Place in America to Grab a Drink, and the site of an exploding culinary revolution. But it's so much more. Lexington has a small town feel with big city amenities and is right in the heart of the Bluegrass Region.

- University of Kentucky
- Transylvania University
- Distillery District
- The Bourbon Trail
- Horse Racing and Horse Farms
- Extensive Bike Trail System
- Rock Climbing at Red River Gorge
- Kayaking on Kentucky River
- Ziplining in Boone Creek
- Art Galleries and Museums
- Theaters, Festivals and Live Music
- Low Cost of Living and Short Term Leases

I can’t even begin to explain my gratitude and love for the people at Commonwealth Eye Surgery. Dr. Findley taught me SO much and I am truly a better student and future doctor because of him. Dr. Ferguson & Dr. Wörtz always took the time to explain things to me, and they really are the best surgeons around!!!

– Ellen, OD Extern

My confidence in exam skills, treatment management, and patient education has grown so much after completing my rotation at Commonwealth Eye Surgery. I couldn’t have picked a better place to learn and grow as a future eye doctor!

– Hannah, OD Extern

My first clinical rotation at Commonwealth has prepared me SO well to take care of my future patients! Getting to interact with patients every single day has been amazing, and this just reaffirms how much I love Optometry."

– Taylor, OD Extern
About Us

Welcome to Commonwealth Eye Surgery, Kentucky’s first and finest optometric co-management center and premier surgical eye care provider. Our team approach creates a seamless and convenient integration of eye care. We provide state-of-the-art surgery combined with old-fashioned warmth and compassion. Our mission is to improve quality of life for our patients through surgical excellence and patient centered co-management with integrity, accuracy, and safety.

Tania Patel, OD • Howell Findley, OD • Lance Ferguson, MD
Gary Wörtz, MD • Marty Smith, OD

Our Program

Externships are an invaluable facet of every optometry student’s education. They allow you to gain firsthand experience in the ophthalmic field and acquire a number of skills that will help you start your first job with confidence. They also serve as opportunity for you to forge valuable relationships with potential employers.

Commonwealth Eye Surgery provides beneficial learning experiences to optometry students looking to dive into their externship. We offer exposure to ophthalmic surgical planning, post-operative care and unique cases students see from start to finish with hands-on experience.

In addition to building confidence and providing optometry students with a well rounded view of what goes on within an ophthalmic practice, our externship program will allow them to decide what type of work environment and culture will best suit them for success. It’s our goal to provide our externs with the tools they need to learn and grow. Commonwealth Eye Surgery always welcomes the opportunity to host students at our practice.

Choose the practice the doctors choose!

If you are interested in completing an externship at Commonwealth Eye Surgery or if you have questions or would like more information, please reach out to Sinda Ketron at speck@commonwealtheyes.com.

Patient Etiquette
- Patient communication
- Exam room conduct & procedures
- Time management

Diagnostic Procedures
- Diagnostic equipment (performance and interpretation)
- Gonioscopy and Fundus exams
- Pathology and complicated cases

Surgical Planning
- Surgical prep
- Observation of surgery

Post-Operative Care
- Post-op experience and best practices