

**SERGEANT ERNEST I.
“BOOTS” THOMAS VA CLINIC
TALLAHASSEE, FL**

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CLINIC FEATURES

SCHEDULE / FLOW

- Hours 7:30 – 4:00
- 4 Techs to assist with work-up and ancillary testing
 - Doctors – attending, resident, and student also help when needed

FACILITY

- Current building opened in fall of 2016, so all of the equipment is relatively new

LAYOUT

- 13 complete exam rooms (no sharing)
 - Haag-Streit slit lamps w/teaching tubes
 - Illuminated phoropters
- 4 tech work-up rooms

LAYOUT (cont'd)

- 5 specialty testing rooms
 - 2 Humphrey Visual Field Analyzers
 - 2 Ocular Coherence Tomographers (OCT)
 - 1 with angiogram
 - Ocular Response Analyzer / Pachymeter
 - 2 fundus cameras w/ Fundus Autofluorescence
 - Zeiss Clarus wide-field camera w/ Fundus Autofluorescence
- Low vision room
- Contact lens room
- Conference room
- Computer workroom for externs





AREA ATTRACTIONS

- Nature lovers
 - Nearest beach, St. George Island, is a little under 2 hours away
 - Numerous fresh water springs for kayaking, paddle boarding, etc
 - Numerous hiking, biking trails
- Sports fans
 - 2 universities here in town (FSU, FAMU)
 - Jacksonville is ~2.5 hours away for NFL fans
- Theme Parks
 - Weekend trip (~4 hours) to Orlando for Disney/Universal Studios/Sea World or to Tampa for Busch Gardens
 - ~1 hour to Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta, GA

PHILOSOPHY / PURPOSE

- HISTORY

- Externship program since mid-2000s, Residency since late 2000s (currently 2 residents)
- Currently affiliated with the following schools: IU, ICO, Midwestern AZ & Chicago, MCPHS, IAUPR, NOVA, UAB... usually average about 6 students per rotation
- Educating and encouraging student and resident doctors to becoming independent clinicians
 - Our trainees are assigned their own exam room in which to work, and we encourage you to “drive the bus”
 - Didactic education (journal club, presentation, etc) one morning each week
 - Rotate with local retinal and cornea/glaucoma specialist
 - Our attending doctors are in our clinic because of our desire to teach
 - 2 of us sold our private practices to join a VA team to teach
 - Our clinic chief started both our student and resident programs
 - The 4th attending was actually a resident in our program over 10 years ago

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