OVERVIEW
Vision Salon Eye Care Associates is a primary care full scope optometric practice with a focus on ocular disease. This office sees a broad variety of ocular and systemic pathologies. It is one of the largest independent optometric glaucoma practices in the Chicago area. This office also has a heavy focus in managing patients that have pre-diabetes or live with diabetes. Optical and a broad array of contact lens are provided to patients. We are the only and one of two US dedicated eye care facilities that has a nationally certified diabetes education program. This office is located just outside the city limits of Chicago within 20 minutes of downtown Chicago and its lake front. While in Chicago there are many things to enjoy after clinic hours with music, museums, lakefront, restaurants etc.

LOCATION – Blue Island, IL in South Suburban Chicago

Practice is located just 20 minutes south of downtown Chicago – Blue Island, IL
THE EYE CLINIC STAFF DOCTORS

Ansel T. Johnson, O.D.
Clinical Director
- New England College of Optometry, Boston, MA
- One of America’s top 101 African American Doctors – Black Enterprise Magazine
- Private Practice since 1990
- Member of Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists
- Staff Privileges: Advocate Trinity Hospital, Chicago, IL
- Former Optometry Board Member – Illinois Department of Finance & Professional Regulation
- Medical Advisory Board – Bernie Mac Foundation for Sarcoidosis Awareness
- Optometric Medical Director – United Eye Care Providers

Dr. Dana Shannon
Optometrist
- University of Alabama Birmingham College of Optometry
- Residency in Ocular Disease, University of Chicago Hospital
- She participated in two week-long medical missionary visits to Belize and Costa Rica and provided underprivileged patients with free eye care.
- She is a member of the American Optometric Association, the Illinois Optometric Association, the American Academy of Optometry (AAO), and the National Optometric Association (NOA), where she also serves on the NOA Executive Board as Trustee of Region 2.

Leonidas A. Johnson, O.D.
Staff Optometrist – Part-time
- Southern California College of Optometry
- Master of Arts from Talbot School of Theology, BIOLA University. see (revleonidastheoptometrist.org).
- Licensed minister at Friendship Baptist Church, Yorba Linda, California
- Rev. Leonidas A Johnson has authored several books.
- Experienced private practice in Watts, California

FACILITIES
The office has 2 pretest rooms, 3 special testing rooms, and 5 full examination lanes. Educational resources include Rendia, which consists of animated patient education materials. Students will also be able to take advantage of Visonix Academy and learn in depth interpretation of OCT and OCT-A imaging for all types of retinal conditions. The clinic is fully stocked with specialty and cosmetic contact lenses.

Clinical Emphasis
Ocular Disease
EYE CARE SERVICES
Vision Salon Eye Care Associates

Optometry students who rotate at Vision Salon Eye Care Associates will have a chance to participate in the care of patients with glaucoma, diabetes, dry eye, various retinal pathologies, and cataract surgical co-management, as well as a variety of other ocular manifestations of systemic diseases.

Our office is one of only 2 dedicated eye care facilities in the United States with its own nationally certified diabetes self-management education programs.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in the care of our patients, with ocular emergencies, cosmetic contact lens wearers, pediatric patients and wellness exams. They will get ample exposure to seeing firsthand the diagnosis and management of patients in a practice that provides both surgical and subspecialty ophthalmic care.

Our electronic medical record platform is EyefinityEHR which integrates with both desktop and iPads which are provided.

Vision Salon Eyecare Associates has some of the most modern cutting-edge technologies available in optometric eye care as follows:

Full-Field Electroretinography
OCT Imaging with Anterior Chamber, Ganglion Cell Analysis and OCT Angiography

Digital Extended Color Vision Testing with Contrast Sensitivity

Dark Adaptometry

Ultrasonic Pachymetry
Amniotic Membranes and Applications

Specular Microscope

Corneal Topography & Meibogapher
Quantel B Scan and UBM Ultrasound

Humphrey Visual Fields
TelScreen
Hi resolution anterior segment camera located in 3 out of our 5 examination rooms.

Miboflow(coming soon)
BlephEx
Eyelid in office hygiene

LashCam
Handheld anterior seg camera
Marco TRS-6100
Digital refractor located in one of our 5 examination rooms

EYE CLINIC HOURS
Monday – Thursday: 9:00AM – 5:00PM
Friday – Saturday: 9:00AM – 1:00PM

TRANSPORTATION
Vision Salon Eye Care Associates is accessible by public transportation (PACE, METRA), but a car is recommended. Limited street parking is available.

LANGUAGES
Patients often speak the following languages: English and Spanish.

LODGING
We have arrangements with a residential host to provide local housing in a private home with furnishings. The monthly rental will range between $750 to $850 per month. The housing is about 20 to 25 minute drive from our office so a care would be recommended. Please confirm three months or more with our office before the start of the internship to ensure availability. Interns can also make their own arrangements for lodging and meals. We would suggest networking with students from the local Chicago area optometry schools, Illinois College of Optometry and Midwestern Chicago College of Optometry. There may be situations where housing swapping can be arranged when Chicago area students are out of town for their own external rotations.