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**Guidelines for Senior Year for Students Interested in
Pursuing a Career in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences**

Subinternship:

All ophthalmology residency training programs require satisfactory completion of the first postgraduate clinical year (PGY-1) in an accredited program. At a minimum, 6 months of the year should provide a broad experience in direct patient care. Most pursue PGY-1 training in preliminary internal medicine, or in a transitional program.

Electives:

Students seriously considering ophthalmology as a career choice should gain necessary exposure to make an informed decision. Because ophthalmology has an early match (January), students should take ophthalmology electives within the first four months of the M4 year. Clinical clerkships take place at Kellogg Eye Center, the Ann Arbor VAMC, the Ophthalmology Inpatient Consultation Unit, and Henry Ford Hospital. Outside rotations are not encouraged but may also be available at select teaching hospitals nationwide. These must be arranged through the medical school and approved by the ophthalmology clerkship director. Ophthalmology research electives can be valuable as well.

If participating in the ophthalmology match, an ophthalmology faculty member should be assigned as the student's clinical advisor.

For Additional Courses:

Take courses that you are interested in. Many residents find Neurology, Anesthesia, Dermatology, and Pathology helpful.

Interviewing:

Ophthalmology residency interviews generally begin between the middle of October and end the middle of December. The department encourages students to apply to 20-35 programs; interviews at 8-15.