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Dr. El-Khazendar is passionate about vision therapy, neuro-optometric rehabilitation, pediatrics and working with special needs population. She has presented research at several national meetings, including American Academy of Optometry, American Optometric Association, and the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. Dr. El-Khazendar is an active member of American Academy of Optometry, Illinois Optometric Association, and American Optometric Association.

Earlier this Fall, our new class of optometry students had their orientation and began their first year of optometry courses! Students from this class came to CCO from many different cities across the U.S. and even other countries, including Korea and Canada, and we are confident that they will bring with them the experiences and knowledge that will help make them strong healthcare providers in the future.

We wish the Class of 2023 all the best!
Preceptor Access to RMS

Third-Year students from our inaugural class have made their first clinical rotation site selections and we are currently working on getting our preceptors set up with our Rotation Management System (RMS). Through this system, preceptors are able keep their contact information and availability up to date. They will also get a glimpse of the students that are assigned to their site. Additionally, setting up your account will grant you access to our library resources.

Please keep on the look out for an email with instructions on how to access RMS.

Preceptor and Student Expectations

Being a preceptor can bring many benefits not only to your site, but more importantly, to the future of optometry. For many, this is a new venture for your clinic, but it doesn’t have to be a daunting one. Even if you are a seasoned preceptor, knowing the expectations between student and preceptor can help set a strong foundation for the quarter.

By the time our students start their rotations in Summer 2020, they would have completed three years of optometry courses and hundreds of hours of clinical training. They should be well prepared to do a comprehensive eye exam as well as perform soft and hard contact lens fittings. Students are expected to be in clinic for a minimum of 40 hours a week and maintain a high level of professionalism while at your site.

Preceptors should allow students to use their learned skills with progressive independence. While at their rotation site, the students should be participating in clinical patient care by practicing and developing skills under the direction of a trained clinician. They have much to gain from the preceptor’s experience, and should take every opportunity to do so.

We look forward to an amazing first round of rotations in this summer! If you are interested in becoming one of our preceptors, contact us at the information noted above.