Faculty In Charge Of Course: Shazia F. Ali, M.D.
Participating Faculty: Faculty in the Ruiz Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science
Location: Cizik Eye Clinic at 6400 Fannin St, 18th and 19th Floor, Houston TX 77030
Students may also be required to travel to LBJ Hospital
Offered: Each period
Max. # Students/Period: 4 (blocks 9 and 14 are closed)

Course Objective
Material Covered:
Students will be introduced to the basic medical and surgical care of ophthalmic patients in the outpatient clinical setting. They will have the hands-on opportunity to learn basic ophthalmic examination techniques in a supervised faculty setting. Student will learn diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases as well as observe and assist in surgery, attend conferences, and have the opportunity to take part in clinical ophthalmic research.

Skills Acquired:
Use of basic ophthalmic equipment, including slit lamp, direct/indirect ophthalmoscope; assist in the workup outpatients under the supervision of staff/residents; develop a working knowledge of clinical and surgical ophthalmic instruments, learn disease management to become a well-rounded physician aware of ophthalmic diseases and emergencies

Activities Of Elective
Number Of New Patients/Student/Week: 50+

Responsibilities Of Student For Assigned Patients:
- Does history/physical: Yes, related to the eye
- Who critiques: Faculty and residents
- Follows patients, with appropriate notes as needed: Yes
- Who supervises: Faculty and residents
- Does student see ambulatory patients: Yes

Performs or observes procedures:
All surgical or procedural experience will be observational. Procedures observed may include cataract extraction, corneal transplantation, retina surgery, strabismus surgery, glaucoma surgery, oculoplastic procedures, and other ophthalmologic procedures.

Scheduled Duties of Student:
- Frequency of rounds on patients: Not applicable; on consults, round throughout the day
- Presents patients to preceptor or attending physician: Yes
- Weekly schedule of required teaching sessions: Friday morning are reserved for teaching sessions alongside residents

Describe Optional Rounds And Activities, If Any:
Students are not required to take call.

Other Required Activities:
- Reading/review of current literature: On your own
- Writing or Presenting a paper: Required clinical case presentation to the department on the last week of the rotation, will work closely under the supervision of an assigned resident to ensure case is of appropriate difficulty for a medical student presentation
- Conferences: Attendance at all clinical conferences is required
- Quiz: Written exit exam
- Visiting students ONLY: Email one letter of reference to Sharona.M.Washington@uth.tmc.edu when you submit your VSAS application

How Is Student Evaluated:
34% written exam, 33% presentation, and 33% averaged written evaluations. A score of 79% or below is a failing grade on the written exam; failing the exam automatically means failing the course. Faculty evaluations will be based upon attendance and participation in didactic sessions and clinical duties.

Unique Features Of This Elective:
This elective offers the opportunity to work closely with faculty ophthalmologists and residents observing and treating eye diseases in a busy ambulatory care setting. The goal is to give the student practical knowledge and to learn basic exam skills in ophthalmology.