

Comprehensive Ophthalmologist, Nova Scotia Health Authority, Western Zone

An NSHA-approved opportunity exists for a full-time, patient-oriented team player to join a busy, private, fee-for-service Ophthalmology clinic in the Annapolis Valley and work alongside two other comprehensive ophthalmologists. The office is well established in an ideal location just a few minutes from Hwy 101 in New Minas and serves a population of approximately 110,000 centered on Kings County.

The position is suited to a true comprehensive ophthalmologist as the current practice provides general ophthalmic care for medical glaucoma and retina, cornea, uveitis, low vision, lids and cataracts, and has a strong pediatric service with some strabismus surgery. Interest or additional training in glaucoma and/or oculoplastics would be an asset.

The office was renovated in 2008 and is a 6,000 sq. ft. ambulatory care facility with seven lanes and a minor procedure room equipped with a microscope. Experienced and well-trained clinical staff includes technicians, three orthoptists and administrative staff, who provide patient care and technical support with in-house Zeiss Cirrus OCT, Canon retinal camera, A- and B-Scans, IOL Master 500, specular microscope, topographer, Humphrey and Goldmann visual field machines, and Argon, SLT and YAG lasers. Space is shared with a local Optometry practice and additional service is provided at a satellite clinic in Annapolis Royal.

Valley Regional Hospital (VRH) located nearby is part of Western Zone and provides a wide range of services (24-hour ER, internal medicine, diagnostic imaging, general surgery, urology, pediatrics, ENT, obs/gyn, orthopedics, vascular surgery).

The OR, located at local community hospital Soldiers' Memorial (SMH) in Middleton, has a new Alcon microscope and Centurion and an outstanding surgical support staff, including an anesthetist. There is one full day per week of OR time available for cataract surgery. Additional minor procedure time may be available at either SMH or VRH.

The Nova Scotia Eye Centre (NSEC/IWK) is located in Halifax approximately one hour away and provides excellent and extensive sub-specialty. Teaching opportunities exist at the NSEC as well as convenient access to numerous educational meetings.

The Annapolis Valley is a beautiful area of the province and enjoys some of the best weather in NS, with warm summers and enjoyable winter weather, where you can experience all the best that the seasons have to offer, including many wineries and breweries, cycling and hiking trails, skiing, lakes, local farmers' markets, golfing, and much more. We have an active arts community and Acadia University is located minutes away in Wolfville. All this is conveniently located approximately an hour from the Halifax International Airport and the HRM, where all cultural indulgences of a capital can be found.

Numerous local public schools offer education from elementary to high school and, in nearby Windsor, King's Edgehill School is Canada's prestigious and first independent school (1788) accepting students from grades 6 to 12.

A successful applicant will be a strong team player, able to interact successfully with other members of the staff, will live locally and be part of an on-call service (currently 1 in 4) and provide support to the satellite clinic. Current overhead structure is a fixed percentage of billings.

The Ophthalmologist should be certified, or be eligible for certification, by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (FRCSC) and must be eligible for licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia.

Interested candidates may submit a letter of interest and their CV to:

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