Dr. Amber Scharnweber

Dr. Scharnweber received her Doctor of Optometry from Salus University and completed a residency at the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System. She began working at the St. Cloud VA Health Care System in St. Cloud, Minnesota in 2010 and has been the Chief of the Optometry Department at the St. Cloud VA since 2014. Throughout her tenure she established a student externship program and currently holds adjunct faculty appointments at two Schools of Optometry. She expanded Optometry services to one of their Community Based Outpatient Clinics and expanded the Optometry clinic at the main hospital with a new physical space opening in March 2021. Dr. Scharnweber currently serves as the Optometry Service Mentor and Consultant for VISN 23 and has received two VISN 23 Director’s Network Star Awards for Facility Clinical Process and Spread of Strong Practice, respectively. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and is Board Certified with the American Board of Certification in Medical Optometry. She has served on the Membership Committee of AFOS and NAVAO. Most recently, Dr. Scharnweber completed a four and a half month detail as the Acting Service Line Director for Surgical and Specialty Care, overseeing the clinical and administrative functions for the entire Service Line.