Message from the Dean

For over 120 years, the New England College of Optometry has produced optometrists prepared to practice state of the art patient care. We feel it is important for our students to apply what they learn in the classroom and laboratory as soon as possible. As such, our students are directly involved in patient care in the first semester of their education. Today more than ever, the rapid changes taking place in health care delivery and the clinical practice of optometry makes for a very challenging environment. Our experienced, knowledgeable, caring faculty is dedicated to providing our students with the basic science and clinical knowledge, clinical skills, understanding of the health care delivery system economics and a patient centered ethos to be successful clinicians and scientists. Furthermore, and equally important, we strive to have our students become empathetic, culturally competent, socially conscious professional health care providers prepared to practice in today’s and tomorrow’s health care delivery system.

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