

When optometry students graduate and enter the professional world, they suddenly take on the role of educators, teaching their patients how to care for their vision. To support this vitally important aspect of the doctor-patient relationship, the National Eye Health Education Program (NEHEP) has developed a series of educational tools and resources designed to help healthcare professionals teach patients and the public about eye health.

Part of the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health, NEHEP emphasizes the importance of early detection of ocular diseases and conditions through comprehensive dilated eye exams, which can help prevent vision loss and blindness. NEHEP educational materials covering diabetic eye disease, glaucoma, low vision and vision and aging are available. There are also resources written specifically for high-risk audiences, including African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives and Hispanics/Latinos.

Eye health professionals, college faculty and students can access any of these helpful educational materials, including brochures, flipcharts, infocards, infographics, social media messages, fact sheets, toolkits and webinars, at the [NEHEP website](http://www.nehep.org).



Patient education materials produced by NEHEP are free of charge. For bulk delivery, a small fee for shipping and handling may apply.