



Optometry programs traditionally involve four years of study toward an OD degree. Upon graduation, many graduates choose to pursue an additional year of post-graduate training in a specialized area as a part of a residency program. On June 16, 2017, thirty-eight NECO residents gathered at the College to participate in the annual John E. Asarkof Spring Residency Conference. This event honored their work receiving additional training.

This year's residency group was comprised of graduates from optometric schools and colleges across the country. The 2016-17 resident roster included many NECO graduates, as well as ODs from ICO, MCO, MCPHS, NOVA, Salus, SCO, SUNY, UC Berkeley, and Western University. The residents participated in programs at 15 sites throughout New England over the past year, working with mentors at VA hospitals, medical centers, hospitals, and community health centers. Their specialty areas included primary care, ocular disease, cornea/contact lens, pediatric optometry, and community health optometry.

The conference included individual and group resident presentations as well as a resident poster presentation session. At the Residents' Luncheon, President Clifford Scott and Interim Dean of Academic Affairs Sandra Mohr presented the residents with their Certificates of Completion. A Residents' Reception followed the conference to celebrate, affording the residents and their mentors an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments.