



THE COLLEGE OF
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INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS OF COLLEGE-ACCREDITED HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS COURSES

The College of Optometrists would like to congratulate you on choosing to undertake a College-accredited higher qualification. This will equip you for new challenges and responsibilities and support your continuing professional development and career progression. Credits awarded to obtain Higher Qualifications can also be used towards other Master's level qualifications.

Successful completion of this UCL/Moorfields Medical Retina Level 1 short course will result in the award of the **College of Optometrists' Professional Certificate in Medical Retina**. This will entitle you to use the affix Prof Cert Med Ret and, for registrants, the GOC will be notified of your achievement.

Full UK College members will also receive a printed certificate – in addition to access to all our member resources (outlined below); for more detail about certificates please see the College [policy](#). Note that UK students who complete a higher qualifications course as a student registrant will not receive a certificate until they join the College with full (01-) GOC registration. They must join the College by the next (first) OSCE date following their own OSCE sitting in order to receive a certificate. All upcoming OSCE dates are on the College website.

The College of Optometrists is the professional body for optometrists. It qualifies the profession, shapes the future of optometry and ensures that current and future optometrists are at the forefront of eye care provision. It is also the voice of the profession to local and national government, and works to support, inspire and continually develop its members and the profession.

It is keen to support you in your career and if you are not already a member you may wish to consider the benefits of joining the College. These include access to clinical advice, online CPD, webinars, copies of Acuity and more. The College offers a range of membership options, including one for eye care professionals who are not optometrists, so please see our [web page](#) for more information on this. For more information on advancing your learning about specific topics take a look at our pages for [glaucoma resources](#), [retina resources](#) and [paediatric eye care resources](#).