It is with an extremely heavy heart that I announce that after 52 years of providing formal training and education for the ophthalmic community of Minnesota and the Midwest, the School of Ophthalmic Medical Technology- Regions Hospital will be closing May 2020.

The School of Ophthalmic Medical Technology has been the premier training program in Minnesota and one of only a few COMT programs in the United States for over 50 years. However, continuing decreases in enrollment of students into the programs, the increased costs of continuing education, the inability to find a new Medical Director, have all combined to make it impossible to continue to run the program.

We would like to graciously thank our many longstanding clinical partners as they allowed the education of approximately 500 allied health personnel who are successfully working across the US and in Minnesota and Midwest communities.

May 15 & 16, 2020 will offer our last Annual School sponsored Continuing Education Program in St. Paul, MN. Information about this will be available at our website later this fall: <a href="https://www.healthpartners.com/institute/education/ohpe/school-ophthalmic-medical-technology/">https://www.healthpartners.com/institute/education/ohpe/school-ophthalmic-medical-technology/</a>

Thank you again to all of our graduates and all of you in the ophthalmology community who supported formal education. It has allowed us these past 50 years of an amazing existence.

Program Director