In an upcoming issue of Optometric Education, the Educator’s Toolkit feature will focus on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and UDL concepts that optometric faculty can incorporate into our instructional repertoire.

Based on scientific insights into how people learn, UDL is a framework designed to provide a flexible learning environment in which the instructional needs of all students can be met. Such a framework can decrease barriers to learning, which is an important goal as the demographics and backgrounds of students entering post-secondary education programs continue to change.