



**NOTICE: RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR CERTIFICATION FROM THE CARDIAC CREDENTIALING INTERNATIONAL (CCI) AND THE AMERICAN REGISTRY OF DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY (ARDMS):**

**Cardiovascular Sonography Certification Disclosure**

The School's Cardiovascular Sonography (CVS) program is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). Graduates of the School's CVS program are eligible to sit for a registry exam administered by the Cardiac Credentialing International (CCI) and American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) via the different prerequisite paths that CCI and ARDMS outlines. Please note that the CCI and ARDMS prerequisites listed below are also subject to change at any time and without notice by CCI and ARDMS and the School does not control the prerequisite requirements of the CCI and ARDMS.

Additional information about earning CCI credentials can be obtained at <https://cci-online.org/> (See Credentials tab). Additional information about earning ARDMS credentials can be obtained at <https://www.ardms.org/get-certified/>

While there are several eligible prerequisite paths to achieve certification, IBT believes that these specific prerequisite pathways, and this combination of credentialing exams taken in this specific order, will best meet the needs of the majority of the school's CVS program graduates for their professional careers:

Registry Board	Education	Certification	Experience	Comments
ARDMS	Successful completion of a physics class or a physics review course  <i>Note: Successfully passing the Acoustical Physics course in IBT's CVS program meets this requirement.</i>	SPI (Sonography Principles & Instrumentation)	None	There is an examination fee, which IBT will pay for students on their first attempt.  <i>Note: While there is no requirement to take the SPI exam first, IBT makes this recommendation because CVS students are eligible to take the exam immediately after completing their IBT physics courses. Students enrolled in the CVS program will take the SPI exam during their CVS1109 – Registry Review I course.</i>
CCI	Students must: 1) Have a high school diploma or general education diploma at the time of application; 2) And, meet either of the following criteria:  CCI prerequisite RCS5: A graduate of a NON-programmatically accredited program in cardiac ultrasound (echocardiography)  Or CCI prerequisite RVS5: A	RCS (Registered Cardiac Sonographer)  <b>Or</b> RVS (Registered Vascular Specialist)	Minimum of one year of specialty training and includes a minimum of 800 clinical hours in the specialty in which the examination is being requested.  <i>Notes: Successful completion of the clinical courses in IBT's CVS program meets this requirement.</i>  <i>Students who complete their clinicals in echocardiography (CVS2211P and</i>	There is an examination fee, which IBT will pay for students on their first attempt at either the RCS or RVS exam.  <i>Note: Students can take these exams before they graduate from the CVS program. However, students passing the RCS or RVS exam before graduation will not receive their license until they provide CCI with proof of graduation.</i>

	graduate of a NON-programmatically accredited program in vascular ultrasound.  <b>Note:</b> Successful completion of IBT's CVS program meets all requirements above.		CVS2213P) are eligible for the RCS exam.  Students who complete their clinicals in Vascular Sonography (CVS2212P and CVS2214P) are eligible for the RVS exam.#	
ARDMS	ARDMS Prerequisite 5:  General—Student must hold one of the following Active credentials: ONLY RCS, RCCS or RVS through Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI)  <b>Notes:</b> Successfully passing either the RCS or RVS exam in the step IBT outlines above meets this requirement.  While passing the SPI exam is not a prerequisite for taking either of the exams in this category, ARDMS will not award RDCS or RVT certification until a student has also passed their SPI exam.	RDCS (Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer)  <b>And/Or</b>  RVT (Registered Vascular Technologist)	Previously met by achievement of other organization's certification.  <b>Note:</b> Successfully passing either CCI's RCS or RVS exam in the step IBT outlines above meets this requirement.	Each exam has an examination fee. IBT will pay for students on their first attempt at either the AE or RVT exam.  <b>IBT graduates may be eligible to sit for either or both of the following:</b> Adult Echocardiography (AE) Examination* <b>And/Or</b> Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT) examination  <b>Notes:</b> With the required clinical experience letter provided by the school, IBT Students who successfully pass either CCI's RCS or RVS exam are qualified to sit for both the AE and RVT exams above, regardless of their clinical specialty at IBT.  *While students may also take the Fetal Echocardiography (FE) Examination or Pediatric Echocardiography (PE) Examination, the curriculum in IBT's CVS program specifically prepares students for the Adult Echocardiography (AE) Examination.

### **Additional Exam Requirement Notes**

ARDMS requires:

Copy of a non-expired government-issued photo identification (ID) with signature; the first and last names on the ID must exactly match the first and last names in your ARDMS/APCA record.

CCI requires: 2 forms of ID

- The first and last name that the candidate uses to register must match exactly the first and last name on both of the IDs that are presented on test day.
- All IDs required must be issued by the country in which the candidate is testing. If the candidate does not have a qualifying primary ID issued from the country they are testing in, an International Travel Passport from their country of citizenship is required, along with a secondary ID.
- Candidate is required to present two forms of original (no photo copies), valid (unexpired) IDs; one form as a primary ID (government issued with name, recent recognizable photo, and signature) and one form as a secondary ID (with at least a name and signature, or name and recent recognizable photo).

Primary ID:

- International Travel Passport
- Driver's license
- Military ID (including spouse & dependents)
- Identification card (national/state/province identity card)
- Alien registration card (green card, permanent resident, visa)
- Local language ID (not in Roman characters) – accepted only if issued from the Country the Candidate is testing in

Secondary ID:

- Any ID containing at least name and signature, or name and recent recognizable photo that meets above ID requirement
- In Japan, a valid Blue Japanese Health Card is acceptable

The following eligibility prerequisite documentation will be provided by the school to the graduate upon successful completion of the CVS program:

- 1) Official School transcript;
- 2) Education program certificate (Diploma);
- 3) Original student verification letter from the School's educational program director verifying length of ultrasound experience/successful completion of sonography program;
- 4) Original student clinical experience letter.
- 5) Original signed and completed clinical verification form for the appropriate specialty areas.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT BEING A REGISTERED DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHER IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO WORK AS A DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHER IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT THE PRESENT TIME. HOWEVER, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND SALARY POTENTIAL WILL BE LIMITED WITHOUT BEING REGISTERED.**

**DISCLOSURE NOTICE TO CVS STUDENTS**

The majority of hospitals and other healthcare institutions in the state of California that employ sonographers, require as a pre-condition of being hired, that each sonographer already be registered/credentialed by one of several independent, non-profit organizations that are globally recognized for their standard of excellence in sonography. Three of the most prominent of these organizations are the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), the American Registry of Radiologic Technology (ARRT), and the Cardiovascular Credentialing International CCI.

All prospective students of the School's CVS program should expect that upon graduating from the School's CVS program that their graduation will be the completion of the student's first step in their career goal of becoming a successful Cardiovascular Sonographer. The School believes, given the existing hiring requirements of sonographers in California, that there is a necessary second career step that needs to be undertaken by the student in order to ensure a successful and rewarding career as a sonographer. The School highly recommends that the student after graduation complete a second career step by becoming registered and credentialed with either ARDMS or CCI. All students should budget the time, effort and commitment to be registered by one of these organizations. The School does not recommend that anyone enroll in its CVS program without the student also making the further personal commitment at the time of enrollment to additionally seek registration with ARDMS or CCI after graduation.

Additional information about ARDMS Credentials/Ultrasound Examinations can be obtained at [www.ardms.org/get-certified/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ardms.org/get-certified/Pages/default.aspx) or [www.ardms.org](http://www.ardms.org)

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