Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans
School of Allied Health Professions
Department of Cardiopulmonary Science

Cardiovascular Sonography Student/Graduate Outcomes

Graduates of the Cardiovascular Sonography program are eligible to immediately take exams to receive either the RDCS credential offered by the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS; www.ardms.org) or the RCS credential offered by Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI; www.cci-online.org). Graduates of the program typically obtain the ARDMS credential, so these results will be reported. In order to receive the RDCS credential, the student or graduate must take the Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (SPI) exam. The student is eligible to take this exam after passing the course of the same name in the fall of the junior year. Students or graduates must also pass the Adult Echocardiography (AE) exam in order to receive the RDCS credential. Because our Adult Echocardiography program is accredited (by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; www.caahep.org), students may take the AE exam about 6 weeks prior to graduation.

Attrition occurs when a student fails a course or withdraws from the program and does not return.

Positive placement is defined as full or part-time employment in echocardiography or vascular technology, or continued education.

3-year Graduation Cycle:	**2022-2024**
Number of Graduates	25
Number of graduates attempting SPI exam	25
SPI exam first-time pass rate	96%
SPI exam overall pass rate	96%
Number of graduates attempting Adult Echocardiography exam	24
Adult Echocardiography exam first-time pass rate	88%
Adult Echocardiography (ARDMS) or Registered Cardiac Sonographer (CCI) exam overall pass rate	100%
Attrition rate	3.8%
Positive placement	96%