# **CURRICULUM STANDARD**

Effective Term Fall 2016 [2016\*03]

Curriculum Program Title	Cardiovascular Technology (Invasive and Non-Invasive)	Program Code	A45170
Concentration	(not applicable)	CIP Code	51.0901

#### **Curriculum Description**

Cardiovascular Technology is an allied health career that prepares individuals to develop attributes necessary to perform procedures leading to diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Course work emphasizes technical and cognitive skills by applying the concepts of echocardiography, electrocardiography, cardiac catheterization, and cardiovascular anatomy and physiology.

Graduates selecting the non-invasive track (Cardiac Sonography) are eligible for the Noninvasive Registry to become a Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer through American Registry of Medical Sonography (ARDMS) or a Registered Cardiac Sonography (RCS) through Cardiovascular Credentialing International, Inc. (CCI). Graduates selecting the invasive track (Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist) may be eligible for the Invasive Registry to become a Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) through Cardiovascular Credentialing International, Inc. (CCI).

### Curriculum Requirements\*

#### [for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]

- I. **General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours. AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. (See second page for additional information.)
- III. Other Required Hours. A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

## **Major Hours**

- A. **Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- **B. Concentration** *(if applicable).* A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- **C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

					AAS	Diploma	Certificate	
Minimum Major Hours Required				49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC		
А.	CORE				45	NR	NR	
Requ	uired Co	urses:						
	NCT	134	CV Anatomy and Physiology	4 SHC				
	ICT	113	Electrocardiography	4 SHC				
Requ	ired Subj	ect Area	: (select one sequence)					
Invas	ive							
	ICT	110	Invasive Fundamentals	3 SHC				
	ICT	136	Cardiac & PV Invasive I	6 SHC				
	ICT	140	CV Hemodynamics I	2 SHC				
	ICT	214	Cardiac & PV Invasive II	9 SHC				
	ICT	218	Invasive Pharmacology	2 SHC				
	ICT	234	Cardiac & PV Invasive III	13 SHC				
	ICT	236	CV Hemodynamics II	2 SHC				
Non-	invasive							
	NCT	110	Echo Fundamentals	3 SHC				
	NCT	133	CV Ultrasound Prin	3 SHC				
	NCT	143	Echocardiography I	6 SHC				
	NCT	251	Echocardiography II	8 SHC				
	NCT	253	Hemodynamic Echo Prin	3 SHC				
	NCT	273	Echocardiography III	14 SHC				
B.	CONCENTRATION (Not applicable)							
с.	OTHER MAJOR HOURS							
	To be selected from the following prefixes: BIO, CHM, CIS, CSC, ICT, MAT, MED, NCT, OST, PHY, PSY, and WBL							
	Up to	Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.						
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Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT,								