



# CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM PREVIEW

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**GROSSMONT  
COLLEGE**

# GROSSMONT COLLEGE CVT PROGRAM

- Since 1972
- First accredited CVT program in the country
- CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs) [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)

# ULTRASOUND PROGRAMS

In CA: DMS Cardiac US – 3, Vascular US – 2

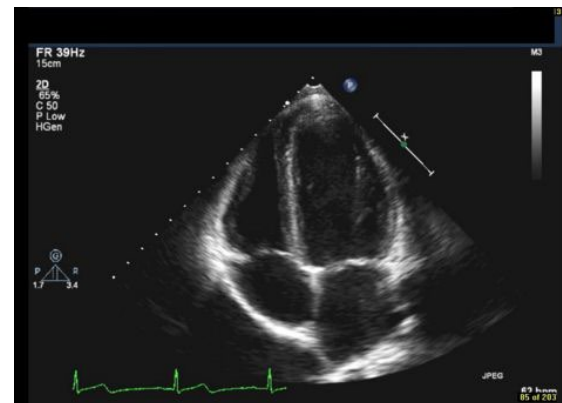
In CA: CVT Cardiac US – 2, Vascular US – 1, Invasive - 1

## DMS – Diagnostic Medical Sonography

- General Ultrasound\*
  - All the “guts”
  - OB/GYN
  - *\*NOT offered at Grossmont*

## CVT – Cardiovascular Technology

- Adult Echocardiography
- Pediatric Echocardiography\*
  - *\*Not offered at Grossmont*
- Vascular Technology



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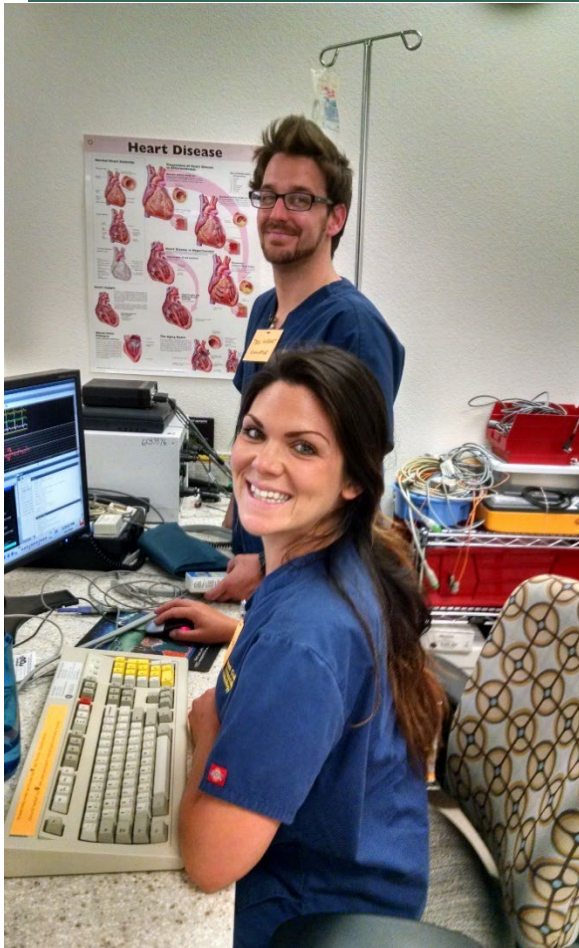
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## 3 CVT TRACK SPECIALTIES



- After your first semester of the program, you will enter into a track specialty
  - Vascular Technology (Ultrasound)
  - Adult Echocardiography (Ultrasound)
  - Invasive Cardiovascular Technology (Cath Lab)

# INVASIVE CVT



- Cardiac Catheterization Lab
- Radiology Suite
- Work as a team member
- Roles are Scrub, Monitor, Circulate
- Procedures include Heart Catheterization, Pacemaker Implants, Peripheral Intervention, Structural Heart
- Video of normal coronary angiogram.

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# ECHO TECH

- Echo Lab, Hospital or Clinic setting
- One on One with the patient
- Ultrasound of the heart
- [Video](#) of echocardiogram

- [Brief explanation of echocardiogram](#)



# VASCULAR TECH

- Vascular Lab, Hospital or Clinic setting
  - Cardiology
  - Neurology
  - Vascular Surgery
  - Radiology
- One on One with the patient
- Ultrasound of all arteries and veins
- Video of carotid artery study

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# PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Lifting
- Pushing
- Pulling
- Reaching
- Standing
- Walking
- Hand manipulation
- Visual and Auditory
- Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Social Skills
- Observation and Sensory Skills



MARCH 24, 2017





# CVT PROGRAM

- 2000+ graduates
- Instructors are graduates
- Local clinical sites

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## PREREQUISITES

- High School Graduate (or higher degree)
- Chemistry 115 (or equivalent)
- Anatomy & Physiology
  - Biology 144/145 **OR**
  - Biology 140/141/141L
  - (or equivalent)
- 7-year recency rule (at application date)

AUGUST 3, 2020



# EQUIVALENCY GRID



## Cardiovascular Technology Program

Region X Community Colleges  
(SDCCD includes San Diego City, Mesa, & Miramar Colleges)

2020-2022

THIS PREREQUISITE GRID IS DESIGNED TO BE USED AS AN ADVISING TOOL, ONLY, AND NOT A GUARANTEE OF COURSE EQUIVALENCY FOR PRIOR COURSE WORK.

GROSSMONT	CUYAMACA	SOUTHWESTERN	SDCCD	MIRACOSTA	PALOMAR	IVC
BIO 140 & BIO 141, 141L or BIO 144 & 145	BIO 140 & BIO 141, 141L	BIOL 260 & BIOL 261	BIOL 230 & BIOL 235	BIO 210 & BIO 220	BIO 210 & BIO 211	BIO 204 & BIO 206 BIO 200 & 202
CHEM 115 or equivalent	CHEM 115 or equivalent	CHEM 100	CHEM 100 & 100L or CHEM 152 & 152L or CHEM 103 (Miramar only)	CHEM 115	CHEM 100	CHEM 100

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

ENGL 120 or ENGL 124 or ESL 122	ENGL 120 or ENGL 124	ENGL 115, 115H or ENGL 116 or ADN 140	ENG 101 or ENG 105 or ENG 205 Note: ENGL 105 N/E to CSUSM LTWR 115	ENG 100, 100H or ENG 201 or ENG 202, 202H	ENG 100 or ENG 202 or ENG 203 or ESL 110	ENG 110 or ENG 201
COMM 120 or COMM 122	COMM 120 or COMM 122	COMM 174 or COMM 103 or COMM 104	COMS 135 & COMS103	COMM 101	SPCH 115 or SPCH 100	COMM 100

[Click to see full equivalency chart](#)

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# A COMPLETED APPLICATION

the program office, **must have a signature and stamp** from one of the following healthcare professionals completing the immunizations/test or transcribing information onto the form: Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, or Grossmont College Health Services Nurse.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

<p><b>MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)</b></p> <p>Must include 2 vaccinations <b>or</b> a test for seropositivity (proof of immunity)</p> <p><b>Seropositivity</b>            If known past history of Measles, Mumps or Rubella</p> <p>If born before January 1, 1957 only 1 dose of MMR <b>or</b> seropositivity is required.</p>	<p>Date #1: _____  <small>(today's date)</small></p> <p>Date #2: _____  <small>(1 mo. following date #1)</small></p> <p>S. Date: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> positive <input type="checkbox"/> negative</p>	<p>Signature _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p>	<p>STAMP</p>
<p><b>Hepatitis B</b></p> <p>Must include 3 vaccinations <b>and</b> a test for seropositivity (proof of immunity).</p> <p>All Health Professions students <b>must</b> complete the test for seropositivity.</p> <p><b>Seropositivity-</b>            If known past history of the Hep B infection and/or to verify immunity to Hep B.</p> <p>HepB Surface Antibody, Quantitative (QT) only. (Qualitative(QL) results are not acceptable)</p> <p>Post-vaccination testing must be done 1 month after last dose of vaccine.</p>	<p>Date #1: _____  <small>(today's date)</small></p> <p>Date #2: _____  <small>(1 mo. following date #1)</small></p> <p>Date #3: _____  <small>(5 mo. following date #2)</small></p> <p>S. Date: _____  <small>(1 mo. following date #3)</small>  <input type="checkbox"/> positive <input type="checkbox"/> negative</p> <p>*If negative, additional booster and/or series plus immunity test required</p>	<p>Signature _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p>	<p>STAMP</p>
<p><b>Tetanus/ Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (TDAP)</b></p> <p>Must be given 2005 or after.</p>	<p>Date #1: _____</p>	<p>Signature _____</p>	<p>STAMP</p>
<p><b>Varicella (Chickenpox)</b></p> <p>Must include 2 vaccinations <b>or</b> test for seropositivity</p>	<p>Date #1: _____  <small>(today's date)</small></p> <p>Date #2: _____  <small>(1 mo. following date #1)</small></p>	<p>Signature _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p>	<p>STAMP</p>

- Application form
  - (found on website)
- Proof of HS diploma
- Immunizations
  - (form on website)
- Official transcripts of prerequisites
  - Note: at this time unofficial transcripts are accepted with application – with follow up of official transcripts at a later date.
- Course descriptions if not from local colleges

# HEPATITIS B OPTIONS



- Hepatitis B Vaccine 3 shot series
  - 1st Shot - At any given time
  - 2nd Shot - At least one month (or 28 days) after the 1st shot
  - 3rd Shot - At least 4 months (16 weeks) after the 1st shot and 2 months after the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot.
- HEPLISAV-B 2 shot series
  - 1st & 2nd shots one month apart
- Seropositivity/Titer test – required by all
  - Recommend to get this done upon application!

# STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

## ■ Grossmont College

### ■ Monday - Thursday:

■ 9am-5pm

### ■ Friday:

■ 9am-1pm

■ Located in Bldg 60-130

■ 619-644-7192

■ *Health Services Website*

## ■ East Region Public Health

■ 367 N Magnolia Ave

■ Suite 101

■ El Cajon, CA

■ Phone: (619) 441-6500



# APPLICATION TO PROGRAM


- Open application period
- Completed Application date/time stamped
- Waitlist (on average 2 years)






NOVEMBER 2021



# APPLYING TO COLLEGE

Future Students | Current Students | Alumni & Friends | Faculty & Staff | FIND PEOPLE: [dropdown] | WA WEB ADVISOR | Bb BLACK BOARD [search icon]

 **GROSSMONT COLLEGE**

 Academics |  Student Services |  Campus Life |  Quick Links |  College Info

**Apply & Enroll** | Home » Student Services » Apply & Enroll

## Student Services

### Apply & Enroll

- Procedures
- Admissions Forms
- Articulation
- Assessment
- Roster Information
- Transcripts
- Verifications Of Enrollment
- International Students
- Residency



## APPLY & ENROLL

### [Important Changes and Updates for Students](#)

**Deadline for new students to file an application and participate in matriculation (assessment & orientation/advising) in order to receive a registration appointment:**

**Spring 2015 October 31, 2014**

**Students who apply after this date will be assigned to open registration.**

\*Must enroll if you have not had classes in last two semesters





## SEATING A CVT CLASS

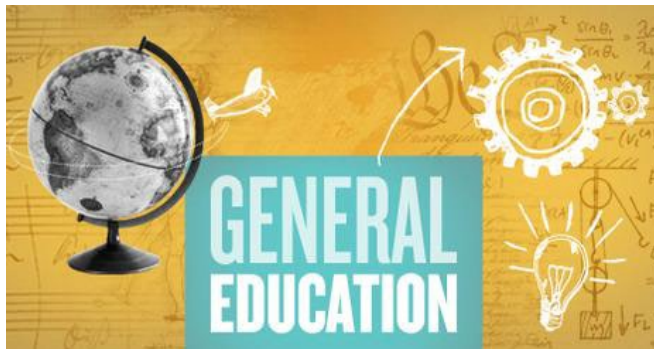


- Seat a new class of students each fall semester
- February/March applicants on waitlist are contacted and invited
- March class is seated
- May Orientation
- Student Packet due in July
- Program begins in August

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# GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- Area A – Language and Rationality (9 units)
- Area B – Natural Sciences (7 units)
- Area C – Humanities (3 units)
- Area D – Social Sciences (3 units)
- Area E – Fitness/Wellness (2 courses, 1-2 units each)



Coming in the near future: State legislated changes will affect the GE requirements for the program including adding Area F – Ethnic studies

# CVT COURSES – CORE CURRICULUM



- Fall – First Year
  - CVTE 100
    - Physical Principles of Medicine I
  - CVTE 101
    - Cardiovascular Physiology I
  - CVTE 102
    - Medical Instrumentation
  - CVTE 103
    - Laboratory Practicum and Proficiency Testing
  - CVTE 107 (optional)
    - Introduction to Clinical Practicum I
  - [Link to College Catalog and course descriptions](#)

# TRACK SELECTION

- GPA taken from Core Curriculum (CVTE 100, 101, 102, 103).
- Ranked highest to lowest.
- Each student indicates track preference.
- Sorted by GPA.

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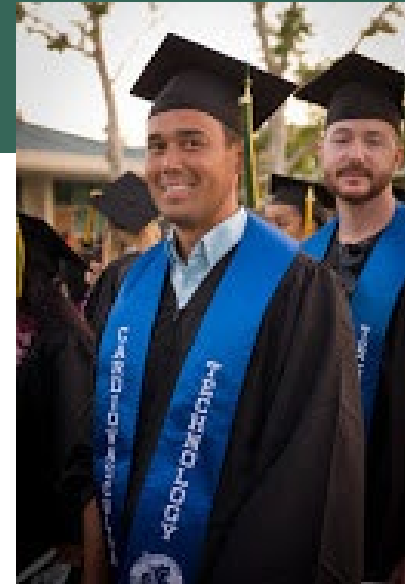
# ADVICE FROM GRADS

- *“Be prepared to make this your first, second and third priority in your life for the next 2 years. It takes a lot of time from your social life, but it is worth it. If you’re not willing to commit to the study load and clinical rotations, you won’t get what you need from this program, and ultimately, you’d be wasting your time if you don’t commit to the program.”*
- *“Read the book. Record lectures.”*
- *“I had a great experience in the CVT program. I can’t express how happy I am to be working in a career I worked so hard for. As long as you put in the effort to match the effort professors and clinical instructors you will graduate and have a fantastic career.”*
- *“I recommend reviewing each track before making a decision.”*

# RIGOROUS PROGRAM!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS		
	CLASS	LAB 1		LAB 2		FAMILY?
	Something Fun?		FAMILY?			
WORK?				WORK?		
					Significant Other?	

# AS DEGREE IN CVT





# MONEY

- Overall cost of program \$5000
- Tuition, books, uniforms, immunizations, malpractice insurance, background check, etc.
- Median Salary: \$90 – \$110,000
- [www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com)

OCTOBER 2023





# FINANCIAL AID

- [Financial Aid Webpage](#)
- Scholarships
- Unit limit – might want to postpone use of FA?
- FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - Early completion
  - Select Grossmont College



# PROGRAM OUTCOMES: JOB PLACEMENT

Class of	Echo	Invasive	Vascular
2023	10/10	9/9	2/2
2022	14/14	9/9	6/6
2021	9/9	13/13	10/12



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# PROGRAM OUTCOMES: REGISTRY PASS RATES

Class of	Echo (RDCE)	Invasive (RCIS)	Vascular (RVT)
2023	10/10	9/9	2/2
2022	14/14	9/9	6/6
2021	9/9	12/13	11/12



# MARIJUANA

- While California now allows recreational use of marijuana, you cannot enter the program with a positive drug screen (including marijuana).
- This standard is set by our clinical sites.
- Their employees are subject to regulations tied to alcohol and drug use, and so are our students.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022



# BACKGROUND CHECK

- Necessary for clinical placement
- Registry Exams
  - [www.ardms.org](http://www.ardms.org)
  - [www.cci-online.org](http://www.cci-online.org)
- Future Employers
- Expunging your record



# ECG/TELEMETRY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



- 2-semester evening program
- Prerequisite: Bio 120
- Clinical focus:
  - Fall = ECG
  - Spring = Telemetry
- 12 units
- Certificate of Achievement
- You can remain on CVT waitlist while you participate

# INFORMATION

- [Liz.barrow@gcccd.edu](mailto:Liz.barrow@gcccd.edu)
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- [www.grossmont.edu/cvt](http://www.grossmont.edu/cvt)
- [www.ardms.org](http://www.ardms.org)
- [www.cci-online.org](http://www.cci-online.org)
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-SJxeMInDM>
- When searching use keywords: angioplasty, angiography, echocardiography, ultrasound, carotid arterial scan, cardiac sonography, vascular sonography