

The Cardiovascular Technology Program

The cardiovascular technologist is the link between the physician and the patient by way of the sophisticated medical instrumentation currently utilized in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

The Cardiovascular Technology Program at Grossmont College is a two-year course of study leading to an Associate in Science Degree. Graduates enter the health care profession as cardiovascular technologists.

Students are educated in the theoretical concepts and clinical application of a broad spectrum of courses and techniques, including Cardiovascular Anatomy and Physiology, Physical Principles of Medicine, Medical Instrumentation/Electronics, and Clinical Practicum.

The program begins with a first semester of major coursework followed by one and a half years of concentrated study in one of three specialties within the field.

- 1. **Invasive Cardiology Technology**
Invasive Cardiovascular technologists work in cardiac catheterization laboratories where they assist the invasive cardiologist in performing diagnostic and interventional procedures such as cardiac catheterization, percutaneous coronary intervention, electrophysiology studies and pacemaker placement.
- 2. **Adult Echocardiography**
Echo technologists perform cardiac ultrasound studies such as 2-Dimensional and Doppler echocardiograms, electrocardiograms, exercise stress tests, and ambulatory ECG monitoring. These tests are noninvasive examinations and provide information to the physician on both the anatomic structure and function of the heart.
- 3. **Vascular Technology**
Vascular technologists use ultrasound and other noninvasive techniques to diagnose disease of the vascular system. Tests include ultrasonic imaging and flow studies of the arteries and veins to detect problems in patients who are at risk for stroke, arterial occlusion, or venous disease.

Cardiovascular technology is a challenging and rewarding career which demands individual initiative, clinical judgment, and a commitment to on-going professional growth in the rapidly evolving field of cardiovascular diagnosis and treatment.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the Cardiovascular Technology Program are actively recruited by hospitals and clinics in the San Diego area and throughout the country. Employment opportunities are excellent and current trends indicate that demand exceeds supply now and for the foreseeable future. Check with the U.S. Bureau of Labor website for more information.

IMPORTANT: Students accepted to the Cardiovascular Technology Program are required to undergo a background check and urine drug screening test prior to starting the program and being placed at any clinical site. Students are responsible for a minimum cost for these procedures. Failure to pass either or both of these procedures, or any prior convictions of a misdemeanor or felony may interfere with acceptance to the program, clinical placement, eligibility for the registry exam, or securing employment. The CVT Program cannot advise students on individual background checks or drug screens. Applicants are urged to visit the Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI) website at www.cci-online.org and the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) a www.ardms.org.

Prerequisites

The Cardiovascular Technology Program admits a limited number of students every fall semester. To be eligible to apply for the program, the following must be completed:

- 1. High School graduation, equivalency, or a higher degree.
- 2. Required immunizations. Completion of the HepB series or a positive HepB immunity test. Tdap, MMR and Varicella series. All have specific requirements, refer to the program website for detailed information.
- 3. Completion of Anatomy, Physiology and Chemistry. All courses to be completed with a grade of "C" or higher and must include a lab. Courses taken for the CVT major must be taken at a regionally accredited institution.
 - a. Anatomy and Physiology (Bio 140, 141 and 141L or Bio144 and 145).
 - b. Fundamentals of Chemistry (Chem 115)

Science recency requirement- Anatomy, Physiology and Chemistry must be completed within 7 years of the application date.

If taking the science prerequisites as a series (offered as part I and part II), applicants are strongly encouraged to complete the entire series at the college in which they started part I. This enables the student to maintain continuity with course content.

The CVT program is transitioning to a new application process, including online submission forms. Prospective students should visit www.grossmont.edu/cvt for the latest updates and information on the application process.

The program application and accompanying forms can be found on the website. Additional requirements will be needed when accepting an invitation to the program, specific information will be provided to the student on acceptance. It is strongly recommended that students complete their General Education requirements prior to being invited to begin the program.

For more information on prerequisites, structure of the Program, employment opportunities and career paths, or to attend a program preview, visit the CVT website: www.grossmont.edu/cvt For information about General Education requirements or to develop an educational plan, contact the Grossmont College Counseling Department at: 619-644-7208 for an appointment with a Counselor or to find out more about walk-in services.

Questions?

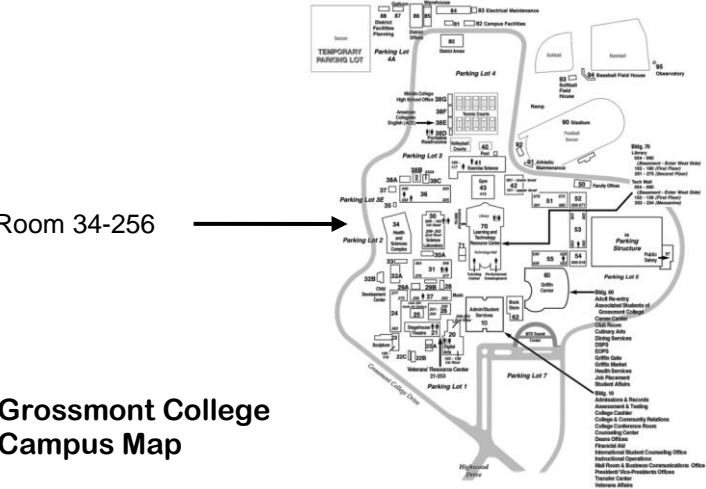
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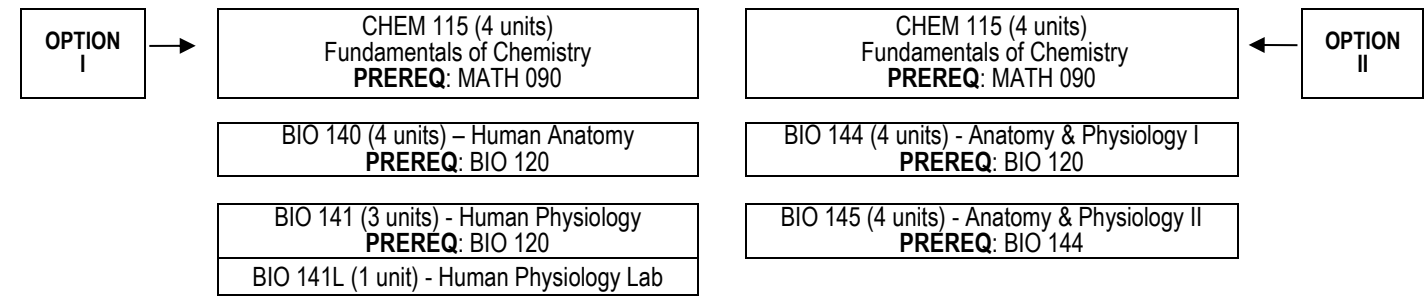
Grossmont College
Cardiovascular Technology
Associate in Science Degree
2025-2026

- Prerequisites/Information
- Major Requirements
- General Education Requirements
- All Allied Health and Nursing students adhere to the graduation requirements outlined in the college catalog for the academic year in which they enter the program
- www.grossmont.edu/cvt



Sequence of Prerequisite Courses

CVTE students have 2 options for completing the science prerequisite courses. See Option I or Option II, as described below. A 2.0 or better G.P.A. in prerequisite courses is required.



Sequence of Major Courses

Semester I Fall Core Curriculum	
Subject & No.	Units
CVTE 100	2
CVTE 101	4
CVTE 102	3
CVTE 103	2
CVTE 107 (optional)	0.5
Total	11.5

Plus Courses in Selected Areas of Emphasis

Semester II Spring Adult Echocardiography			Semester II Spring Invasive Cardiology			Semester II Spring Vascular Technology	
CVTE 110	3		CVTE 109	3		CVTE 110	3
CVTE 111	4		CVTE 111	4		CVTE 111	4
CVTE 113	1		CVTE 113	1		CVTE 113	1
CVTE 115	4		CVTE 116	4		CVTE 117	4
Total	12		Total	12		Total	12

Semester III Summer Adult Echocardiography			Semester III Summer Invasive Cardiology			Semester III Summer Vascular Technology	
CVTE 114	2		CVTE 114	2		CVTE 114	2
CVTE 130	2		CVTE 130	2		CVTE 130	2
Total	4		Total	4		Total	4

Semester III Fall Adult Echocardiography			Semester III Fall Invasive Cardiology			Semester III Fall Vascular Technology	
CVTE 221	5		CVTE 222	5		CVTE 223	5
CVTE 220	5		CVTE 220	5		CVTE 220	5
Total	10		Total	10		Total	10

Semester IV Spring Adult Echocardiography			Semester IV Spring Invasive Cardiology			Semester IV Spring Vascular Technology	
CVTE 251	5		CVTE 252	5		CVTE 253	5
CVTE 250	5		CVTE 250	5		CVTE 250	5
Total	10		Total	10		Total	10

Total Units for CVT Major = 47.5

**Disclaimer: Every effort has been made to ensure that this information is accurate and timely. However, the official college document is the Grossmont College Catalog 2025-2026.*

Date: _____

CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

General Education Requirements for Cardiovascular Technology Students Only

This general education applies to students entering the Grossmont College Cardiovascular Technology program for the 2025-2026 academic year.

NAME _____ COUNSELOR _____

AREA 1 – English Composition, Oral Communication, and Critical Thinking

Select two courses, one from each area — 6 semester or 8 quarter units.

1A English Composition

English (ENGL) C1000^, C1001^; English as a Second Language (ESL) 122

1B Oral Communication & Critical Thinking

Communication (COMM) C1000^, 120, 130, 137, 145; Geography (GEOG) 104; Philosophy (PHIL) 125

*Areas 1A and 1B must be completed with a grade of “C” or better, or “P”.

AREA 2 – MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING

Select one course — 3 semester or 4 quarter units.

2

Anthropology(ANTH) 215*; Biology (BIO) 215; CSIS (CSIS) 240, 290, 293, 250; Economics (ECON) 215; Mathematics (MATH) 120, 125, 126, 170, 175, 176, 178, 180, 245, 280, 281, 284, 285; Philosophy (PHIL) 130; Physical Science (PSC) 120; Psychology (PSY) 215*; Sociology (SOC) 215*; Statistics (STAT) C1000^

*Area must be completed with a grade of “C” or better, or “P”.

AREA 3 – ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Select one course — 3 semester or 4 quarter units.

3

American Sign Language (ASL) 120, 121, 140, 220, 221; Arabic (ARBC) 120, 121, 122, 123, 148, 220, 221, 250, 251; Art (ART) 100, 120, 124, 126, 129, 140, 141, 142, 143, 145,146, 147, 171; Chinese (CHIN) 120, 121, 220, 221, 250, 251; Dance 110, 120; Communication (COMM) 135, 144; English (ENGL) 122, 126, 134, 135, 136, 137, 201, 203, 215, 217, 218, 219, 221, 222, 231, 232, 236, 237, 238, 239, 271, 277; English as a Second Language (ESL) 115; Ethnic Studies (ETHN) 126, 127, 134, 143, 144, 236, 237, 238, 239; French (FREN) 120, 121, 152, 220, 221, 250, 251; German (GERM) 120, 121, 220, 221, 250, 251; History (HIST) 100,101, 103,105, 106, 113, 126, 135, 136, 137, 148; Humanities (HUM) 110, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 160, 170; Italian (ITAL) 120, 121, 220, 221, 250, 251; Japanese (JAPN) 120, 121, 149, 220, 221, 250, 251; Media Communications (MCOM) 111; Music (MUS) 110, 111, 115, 116, 117, 123, 189; Philosophy (PHIL) 110, 111, 115, 117, 140, 141, 145, 150, 155, 160; Photography (PHOT) 150, 154; Religious Studies (RELG) 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 170; Russian (RUSS) 120, 121, 220, 221, 250, 251; Spanish (SPAN) 120, 121, 122, 123, 141, 145, 220, 221, 250, 251; Theater Arts (THTR) 101, 110, 130, 143, 144, 205

AREA 4 – SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Select one course — 3 semester or 4 quarter units.

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Administration of Justice (AOJ) 110; Anthropology(ANTH) 120, 122, 127, 140; Child Development (CD) 115, 125, 131, 134, 145, 153; Communication (COMM) 124, 126, 128; Economics (ECON) 110, 120, 121; Ethnic Studies (ETHN) 107,114, 115, 118, 119, 125, 128, 130, 131, 135, 137, 138, 145, 160, 161, 180, 181; Family Studies (FS) 115, 120; Gender Studies (GEND) 116, 117, 154, 155; Geography (GEOG) 100, 101, 106, 130, 170; Health Education (HED) 120, 201; History (HIST) 107,108, 109, 114, 115, 118, 119, 122, 123, 124, 130, 131, 154, 155, 160, 161, 180, 181; Media Communications (MCOM) 110, 210, 250; Nutrition (NUTR) 155, 158, 159; Political Science (POSC) 120, 124, 130, 140, 150, 160; Political Science (POLS) C1000^; Psychology (PSY) 125, 132, 134, 138, 140, 150, 170, 211, 220; PSYC C1000^; Religious Studies (RELG) 165, 175; Sociology (SOC) 114, 120, 125, 130, 138, 140, 150

AREA 5 – NATURAL SCIENCES AND LABORATORY

Complete one Human Anatomy & Physiology sequence.

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Biology (BIO): (140, 141 and 141L) or (144 and 145)

*Chemistry 115 OR equivalent is required for admission. See “Prerequisites” on back panel. To meet admission requirements complete with a letter grade of “C” or better.

AREA 6 – ETHNIC STUDIES

Select one course — 3 semester or 4 quarter units.

6

English (ENGL) 236; Ethnic Studies (ETHN) 107, 114, 236; History (HIST) 107; Sociology (SOC) 114

Important Information: All Allied Health and Nursing students adhere to the graduation requirements outlined in the college catalog for the academic year in which they enter the program. The Area 7 requirements of Plan A: AA/AS General Education are not required for Allied Health students, see college catalog for more information. ^ Indicates that the course is part of AB 1111- Common Course Numbering and has been updated to a common prefix and number.