

Cardiovascular Technologist



What do they do?

Cardiovascular Technologists use imaging technology to help doctors perform tests to diagnose and treat problems in the heart and blood vessels. Cardiovascular Technologists need to be able to lift or turn patients and should expect to be on their feet most of the day.

Where do they work?

Most Cardiovascular Technologists work in hospitals, while others work in smaller doctor's offices, medical and diagnostic laboratories and outpatient care centers.

Pay:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average yearly income for Cardiovascular Technologists is \$67,080.



Education:

Students interested in becoming a Cardiovascular Technologist must graduate from a two-year associate's degree program.

CVT training in Wisconsin:

Milwaukee Area Technical College: www.matc.edu

High School students interested in becoming a Cardiovascular Technologist should take classes in anatomy, physiology and math.

Accreditation:

Education programs for Cardiovascular Technologists are accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology, and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

www.caahep.org \ www.jrccvt.org



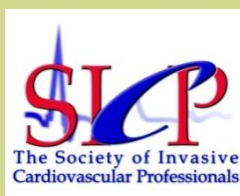
Professional Associations:

Cardiovascular Technologists can choose to join the Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals.

www.acp-online.org

If certified as a Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist, the Society of Invasive Cardiovascular Professionals is another association Technologists could join:

www.sicp.com



Certification:

Employers prefer to hire certified Cardiovascular Technologists. The certification exam is held by the Cardiovascular Credentialing International.



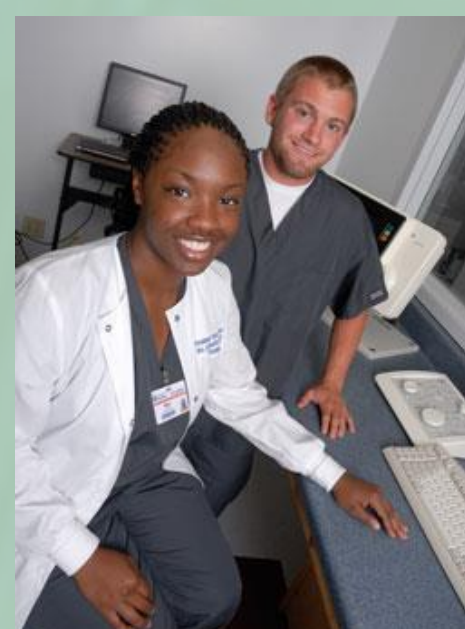
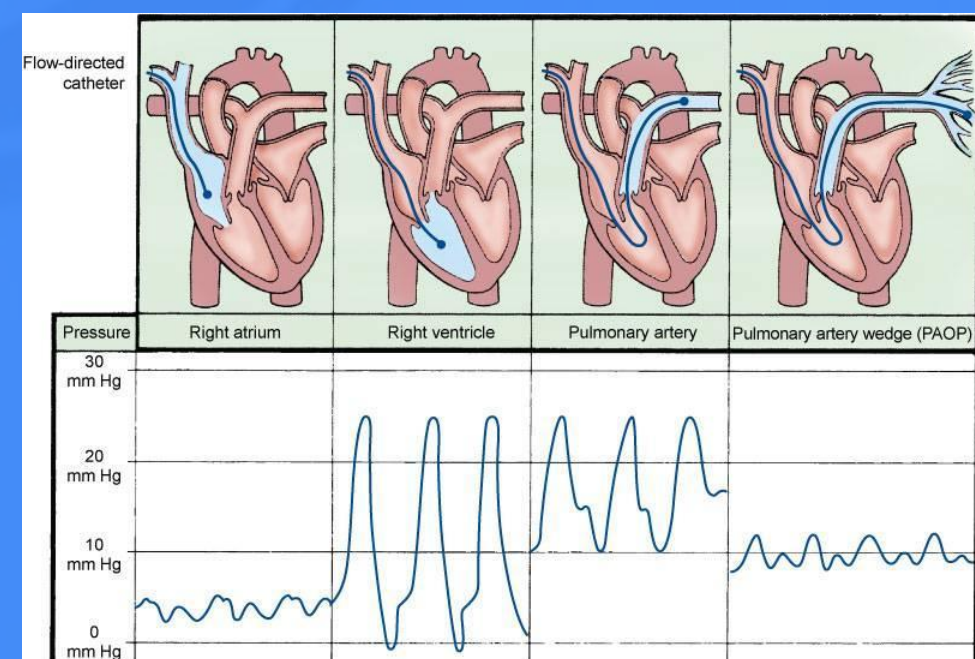
www.cci-online.org/content/examinations-offered

CCI offers the following exams:

- Certified Cardiographic Technician (CCT)
- Certified Rhythm Analysis Technician (CRAT)
- Registered Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist (RCES)
- Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS)
- Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS)

Potential for Advancement:

A Cardiovascular Technologist could choose to continue their education and go into cardiac or vascular ultrasound, take a supervisor or management position or become an educator in a CVT program.



Job Outlook:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for Cardiovascular Technologists is expected to grow 17 percent between 2016-2026, which is much faster than the average across all occupations.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2017-18 Edition*, Diagnostic Medical Sonographers and Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians, Including Vascular Technologists, www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/diagnostic-medical-sonographers.htm

