

# RVS: Vascular Ultrasound Certification Examination

The Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS) examination is for professionals working in the area of vascular ultrasound. This computer based exam is administered at Pearson Professional Centers year-round based on availability at the test centers. To locate a test center [click here](#) (<http://pearsontesting.com/cci/>).

The application fee for the RVS examination is \$365 USD. All exam fees include a \$100 USD non-refundable examination filing fee for the staff resources required to review and process applications. [{CLICK HERE for Refund and Cancellation Policy}](#) ([http://www.cci-online.org/CCI/Content/CCI\\_Refund\\_Policies.aspx](http://www.cci-online.org/CCI/Content/CCI_Refund_Policies.aspx))

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HERE BEFORE COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION.

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## Qualification Requirements

**All applicants must meet the following criteria:** All applicants must meet the following criteria: 1) Have a high school diploma or general education diploma at the time of application. 2) Fulfill one (1) of the qualifications of the exam for which you are applying. See qualifications listed in the tables below. 3) Provide typed documentation to support the qualification prerequisite under which you are applying. Required documentation for each qualification prerequisite is listed below. CCI reserves the right to request additional information.

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### Qualification Prerequisite (All applicants must fulfill one of the following)

### Supporting Documentation

#### RVS1

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Two years of full-time or full-time equivalent work experience in vascular ultrasound. The applicant must have performed a minimum of 600 vascular ultrasound studies at the time of application.

Employment Verification Letter (must confirm the number of studies performed during the applicant's employment).

It is recommended, but not required, that the applicant have experience in the following areas:

- Carotid duplex ultrasound
- Transcranial Doppler
- Peripheral arterial physiologic
- Peripheral arterial duplex
- Venous duplex ultrasound
- Visceral vascular duplex ultrasound

In the verification letter the medical director(s) must confirm the number of studies performed during the applicant's employment.

**Effective June 30, 2023, the RVS1 qualification prerequisite will be sunset. First-time RVS applicants applying on or after July 1, 2023 must select from the qualification prerequisites listed below.**

#### RVS235

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A graduate of a diploma, associate, or baccalaureate academic program in health science (including, but not limited to, cardiovascular technology, ultrasound, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy, or nursing)

**AND**

One year full-time or full-time equivalent work experience in vascular ultrasound

**AND**

Performance of a minimum of 600 vascular ultrasound studies\* in their career, which is defined as work experience and/or clinical experience gained during a formal educational program.

It is recommended, but not required, that the applicant have experience in the following areas:

- Carotid duplex ultrasound
- Transcranial Doppler
- Peripheral arterial physiologic
- Peripheral arterial duplex
- Venous duplex ultrasound
- Visceral vascular duplex ultrasound

In the verification letter(s) the medical director(s) and/or program director(s) must confirm the number of studies performed during the applicant's employment and/or during the academic program.

#### RVS4

Applicant must be a graduate of a programmatically accredited program\*\* in vascular ultrasound.

Completion certificate and/or educational transcript

**AND**

Employment Verification Letter

**AND/OR**

Clinical Experience Letter (only required for applicants submitting verification of the number of studies completed during a formal educational program)

#### RVS5

A graduate of a NON-programmatically accredited program in vascular ultrasound which has a minimum of one year of specialty training and includes a minimum of 800 clinical hours\*\* in the specialty in which the examination is being requested.

**IMPORTANT:** If an individual's clinical hours were completed after graduation or if the hours are not a requirement for their educational program, then those hours **WOULD NOT** count toward the 800-hour minimum under qualification RVS5. All clinical hours must be earned in a setting in which patients are being tested or medically treated.

#### RVS5

Completion certificate and/or educational transcript

**AND**

Student Verification Letter

**AND**

Clinical Experience Letter

*Students applying to take examination prior to graduation will be required to submit this documentation*

#### RVS6

Active ultrasound credential holders with six (6) months of full-time or full-time equivalent work experience in vascular ultrasound. The applicant must have participated in a minimum of 100 vascular ultrasound studies\* at the time of application.

In the verification letter, the medical director(s) must confirm the number of studies performed during the applicant's employment.

#### RVS6

Copy of wallet card showing date earned and active through date of ultrasound registry credential

**AND**

Employment Verification Letter (must confirm the number of studies performed during the applicant's employment).

**AND/OR**

Clinical Experience Letter (only required for applicants submitting

verification of the number of studies completed during a formal educational program)

\* If an individual's studies were conducted during a formal educational program, then those studies completed WOULD count toward the minimum vascular ultrasound studies under qualifications RVS235 and RVS6.

\*\* An accredited program is accredited by an agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), United States Department of Education (USDOE), or Canadian Medical Association (CMA) that specifically conducts programmatic accreditation for cardiovascular technology, diagnostic cardiac sonography, or vascular technology.

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