

**Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans  
School of Allied Health Professions  
Department of Cardiopulmonary Science**

**Cardiovascular Sonography Student/Graduate Outcomes**

Graduates of the Cardiovascular Sonography program are eligible to immediately take exams to receive either the RDCS credential offered by the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS; [www.ardms.org](http://www.ardms.org)) or the RCS credential offered by Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI; [www.cci-online.org](http://www.cci-online.org)). Graduates of the program typically obtain the ARDMS credential, so these results will be reported. In order to receive the RDCS credential, the student or graduate must take the Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (SPI) exam. The student is eligible to take this exam after passing the course of the same name in the fall of the junior year. Students or graduates must also pass the Adult Echocardiography (AE) exam in order to receive the RDCS credential. Because our Adult Echocardiography program is accredited (by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)), students may take the AE exam about 6 weeks prior to graduation.

Attrition occurs when a student fails a course or withdraws from the program and does not return.

Positive placement is defined as full or part-time employment in echocardiography or vascular technology, or continued education.

<b>3-year Graduation Cycle:</b>	<b>2015-2017</b>
Number of Graduates	24
Number of graduates attempting SPI exam	23
SPI exam first-time pass rate	95.7%
Number of graduates attempting Adult Echocardiography exam	23
Adult Echocardiography exam first-time pass rate	95.7%
Attrition rate	4%
Positive placement	79.2%