

What Can I Do With a Major in...

Cardiovascular Technology?

A cardiovascular technologist (CVT) is a highly specialized and knowledgeable health care professional who is educated and trained to perform diagnostic procedures, at the request of a physician, in order to document the presence and degree of cardiac disease. A CVT may choose to specialize in either cardiac ultrasound or invasive cardiovascular technology.

Skills/Competencies Associated with Cardiovascular Technology Majors:

- *Ability to work well with people and data.
- *Trustworthy, integrity and businesslike.
- *Ability to inspire productivity and loyalty.
- *Likes challenges, questioning and analyzing.
- *Proficiency in reading, for accurate details.
- *Desire for preciseness.
- *Organize and maintain accurate records.
- *Technical Standards:(School of Allied Health's nonacademic criteria) 1. observation; 2. communications; 3. motor function; 4. intellectual-conceptual, integrative, and quantitative abilities; and 5. behavioral and social attributes.
- *Strong leadership skills.
- *Ability to evaluate and follow procedures.
- *Adaptable and flexible.
- *Problem solving and intellectual growth.
- *Operate scientific equipment.
- *Desire to help humankind.
- *Make critical observations and decisions.

Related Occupations:

Anesthesiologist	Nuclear Medicine Technologists
Cardiovascular Technologists	Nurse
Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Obstetrician-Gynecologist
Coroner	Oncologist
Dentist	Ophthalmologist
Dermatologist	Plastic Surgeon
Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	Radiation Therapist
Doctor	Respiratory Therapists
Family Practitioner	Surgeon
Medical Imaging Tech	Veterinarian
Neurologist	

*This is only a partial list and not meant to limit you. Come to Career Services to explore your options further

Strategies:

- *Be sensitive to a patient's physical and psychological needs.
- *Improve ability to work in a team atmosphere.
- *Enhance proficiency with computers.
- *Develop communication skills.

Resources for Cardiovascular Technology Majors:

College Central Network
www.collegecentral.com/gmc

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals
www.acp-online.org

American Society of Echocardiography
www.asecho.org

Committee on Accreditation for Allied Health Programs
www.caahep.org

Society for Vascular Ultrasound
www.svunet.org

Cardiovascular Credentialing International
www.cci-online.org

Medical Sonographers
www.ardms.org

American Heart Association
www.americanheart.org

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