

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
- Strong leadership skills
- Trustworthy, integrity and businesslike
- Ability to evaluate and follow procedures
- Ability to inspire productivity and loyalty
- Adaptable and flexible
- Likes challenges, questioning and analyzing
- Problem solving and intellectual growth
- Proficiency in reading, for accurate detail
- Operate scientific equipment
- Desire for preciseness
- Desire to help humankind
- Organize and maintain accurate records
- 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 Technical Standards (School of Allied Health's nonacademic criteria):
 1. Observation
 2. Communications
 3. Motor function
 4. Intellectual-conceptual, integrative, and quantitative abilities
 5. Behavioral and social attributes

Resources:

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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