

Prerequisite A1

MD or DO with RVT (Active Status)

Physicians who currently hold the RVT credential with active status may apply directly for the PVI credential examination.

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Documentation

Copy of a current, valid medical license is the only documentation required.

Prerequisite A2

MD or DO, Current ICAVL or ACR Lab Accreditation

MD or DO degree with current, valid license to practice in the U.S. or Canada, and current Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL) or American College of Radiology (ACR) vascular ultrasound accreditation.

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Documentation

1. Copy of MD or DO current, valid license to practice in the U.S. or Canada.
2. Letter from ICAVL or ACR identifying applicant as a current member of the medical staff of an accredited vascular ultrasound laboratory unit.

Prerequisite B1

Formal Training (U.S. and Canada)

Education

MD or DO degree earned in the U.S. or Canada.

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Training

Attendance of an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) accredited residency or fellowship that includes didactic and clinical vascular laboratory/ultrasound interpretation experience as an integral part of the program.

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Interpretation Experience

The applicant must be able to document interpretation experience with a minimum of 500 vascular laboratory studies as shown on page 3. These studies should be distributed over the following testing areas:
Carotid duplex ultrasound
Transcranial Doppler
Peripheral arterial physiologic testing
Peripheral arterial duplex ultrasound
Venous duplex ultrasound
Visceral vascular duplex ultrasound

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Continuing Medical Education (CME)

If the period of formal training ended more than three (3) years prior to the candidate's application date, then the candidate must be able to document a minimum of 12 credit-hours of ARDMS-accepted CME specifically related to vascular ultrasound earned within three years prior to the date of application for examination.

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Documentation (continued on top of next column)

Documentation (continued from prerequisite B1)

1. Copy of medical school diploma.
2. Original letter from residency/fellowship program director verifying dates of attendance and completion of a minimum of 500 vascular laboratory interpretation studies as shown on page 3.
3. If applicable: Certificates or other original documentation for a minimum of 12 credit-hours of ARDMS-accepted CME specifically related to vascular ultrasound.
4. Applicants should maintain a patient log or other record of interpretation experience with a minimum of 500 vascular laboratory studies. This log does not need to be submitted with the application but may be requested as part of a random audit. This documentation should be maintained by the applicant for at least three years following the date of application for examination.

Prerequisite B2

Informal Training (U.S. and Canada)

Education

MD or DO degree earned in the U.S. or Canada.

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Continuing Medical Education (CME)

The applicant must document 12 credit-hours of ARDMS-accepted CME specifically related to vascular ultrasound earned within three years prior to the date of application for examination.

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Documentation

1. Copy of medical school diploma.
2. Original letter from medical director of vascular laboratory or other physician describing the applicant's experience with vascular laboratory interpretation as shown on page 3. The applicant may write this letter if no other physician is available.
3. Certificates or other original documentation for 12 credit-hours of ARDMS-accepted CME specifically related to vascular ultrasound.
4. Applicants should maintain a patient log or other record of interpretation experience with a minimum of 500 vascular laboratory studies. This log does not need to be submitted with the application but may be requested as part of a random audit. This documentation should be maintained by the applicant for at least three years following the date of application for examination.

Prerequisite C1

Formal Training (Outside U.S. and Canada)

Education

MD or DO degrees equivalent to those of the U.S. or Canada.

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Training

Formal Training—Completion of a residency or fellowship that includes appropriate didactic and clinical ultrasound/vascular experience as an integral part of the program.

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Documentation

1. Original credential report or official notarized copy of the evaluation converting the foreign medical degree in the U.S. or Canada. A listing of organizations that produce individualized, written reports describing each certificate, diploma or degree earned and specifying its U.S. or Canadian equivalent can be found on page 14. If the applicant has taken and passed all three parts of and earned the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG®) certification, a copy of the ECFMG® certificate may be submitted *with* a copy of current, valid MD or DO license from the U.S. or Canada in lieu of the evaluation.
2. Original letter from residency/fellowship program director verifying successful completion of the program and describing the applicant's experience with vascular laboratory interpretation during the training period as shown on page 3.
3. Certificates or other documentation for a minimum of 12 credit-hours of ARDMS-accepted CME specifically related to vascular ultrasound.
4. Applicants should maintain a patient log or other record of interpretation experience with a minimum of 500 vascular laboratory studies. This log does not need to be submitted with the application but may be requested as part of a random audit. This documentation should be maintained by the applicant for at least three years following the date of application for examination.

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Note: Prerequisite requirements are subject to change from time to time and at any time. Applicants must meet current prerequisite requirements in effect at the time of application.