



PVI Prerequisites

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ARDMS currently offers six prerequisites under which to apply for the ARDMS PVI examination. Applicants must select a prerequisite under which to apply and must meet all requirements under that prerequisite.

Please note: Prerequisites apply to first-time applicants only. For more information, please visit ARDMS.org.

Steps for Choosing Your Prerequisite

1. Find your education level by reviewing the listed prerequisites.
2. Ensure you have met the clinical experience requirement within that prerequisite.
3. Assemble the required documentation under the listed documentation section and submit with the completed application form and appropriate fees.

Eligibility will not be determined by telephone, fax or e-mail. Applicants must apply online and submit all fees and required supporting documentation before eligibility is determined.

All fees must be paid before the application is reviewed.

For a complete prerequisite chart, log on to ARDMS.org/PVIprereq to print your own copy.

RPVI Prerequisites

Prerequisite A1

(Note: All listed items must be met and completed prior to submission.)

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.

Documentation

1. Copy of a current, valid medical license is the only documentation required.
2. Photocopy of a non-expired government issued photo identification with signature; the name on the identification must exactly match the name under which you are applying for ARDMS examination.

Prerequisite A2

(Note: All listed items must be met and completed prior to submission.)

MD or DO, Current ICAVL or ACR Lab Accreditation

MD or DO degree with current, valid medical 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.

Documentation

1. Copy of MD or DO current, valid medical 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. The letter must be received directly from the accrediting organization and can be requested by contacting them.
3. Photocopy of a non-expired government issued photo identification with signature; the name on the identification must exactly match the name under which you are applying for ARDMS examination.

Prerequisite B1

(Note: All listed items must be met and completed prior to submission.)

Formal Training (U.S. and Canada)

Licensure

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

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.

Interpretation Experience

The applicant must be able to document interpretation experience with a minimum of 500 vascular laboratory studies. 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

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.

Documentation

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.
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.
5. Photocopy of a non-expired government issued photo identification with signature; the name on the identification must exactly match the name under which you are applying for ARDMS examination.

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

Prerequisite B2

(Note: All listed items must be met and completed prior to submission.)

Informal Training (U.S. and Canada)

Licensure

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

Interpretation Experience

The applicant must be able to document interpretation experience with a minimum of 500 vascular laboratory studies. 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

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.

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. 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.
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Prerequisite C1

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Formal Training (Outside U.S. and Canada)

Licensure

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

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. 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.
3. Certificates or other documentation for a minimum of 12 credit-hours of ARDMS-accepted CME specifically related to vascular ultrasound.
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Prerequisite C2

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