

Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (SPI) Examination Requirement

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The Sonography Principles & Instrumentation (SPI) Examination Requirement, featured on this page, was developed as a pathway for those who cannot meet the stipulations of the ARDMS clinical examination prerequisites. Specifically, the SPI Examination Requirement allows students to apply for the SPI examination prior to graduation. The SPI Examination Requirement cannot be used when applying for a specialty examination (eg. AB, BR, OB/GYN, NE, FE, AE, PE, VT). Please read the information listed below for additional information.

Notes About the SPI Examination Requirement

- The SPI Examination Requirement applies to the SPI examination only.
- When applying for the SPI examination under the SPI Examination Requirement, a clinical verification (CV) form is not required.
- SPI applicants who can fully meet an existing ARDMS prerequisite (1 through 5) are strongly encouraged to apply under that prerequisite as future application processing will be easier. See pages 10-13 for details.
- To apply for an ARDMS specialty examination (eg. AB, BR, OB/GYN, NE, FE, AE, PE, VT), an existing ARDMS prerequisite (1 through 5) must be met. See pages 10-13 for details.
- Applicants who have applied for and been approved to take a former Principles and Instrumentation examination (Ultrasound-UPI, Cardiovascular-CPI or Vascular-VPI) or any specialty examinations (eg. AB, BR, OB/GYN, NE, FE, AE, PE, VT) should not apply for the SPI examination under the SPI Examination Requirement but rather as a re-applicant (visit ARDMS.org/reapplicant for details).

SPI Examination Requirement

Education: Successful completion of a general, medical or sonographic physics class/seminar/course.

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Documentation Required with Application

1) A transcript (see transcript requirements below) reflecting successful completion of a graded general, medical or sonographic college, post secondary or higher education physics class (with a grade of C or above);

OR

A CME certificate denoting successful completion of a general, medical or sonographic physics seminar, physics review course, or physics correspondence course, denoting a minimum award of 12 ARDMS-accepted CME credits. The certificate must meet ARDMS CME documentation requirements (visit ARDMS.org/CME to view ARDMS-accepted CMEs). The CME credits must be earned within two (2) years prior to application submission.

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.

Transcript Requirements:

- Name of school and applicant must be printed on the transcript; handwritten information will not be accepted.
- The class or course name must specifically indicate "Physics," "Physical Principles" and/or "Instrumentation" in the title and be printed on the transcript. Supplementary information will not be accepted.
- Transcript can be unofficial or official.
- If submitting a foreign transcript or degree, an original course by course foreign transcript evaluation must accompany the application summary and indicate the aforementioned requirements.
- Transcripts only indicating a number grade must include a "grade key" printed on the transcript showing what letter grade the number grade is equivalent to. Supplementary information will not be accepted.
- A grade report will not be accepted in lieu of the transcript (unofficial or official).