

# Notes for Educators

A Newsletter for the ARDMS  
Educator Community



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## Windowed Examination Administration Dates

Upcoming administration dates for windowed examinations:

FE: September 11 - October 9, 2019  
PS: September 11 - October 9, 2019  
PE: October 2 - October 30, 2019  
MSKS: October 16 - November 13, 2019

## School Report Request Guidelines

Below are a few things to keep in mind when you are requesting an ARDMS School Report.

- Confirm the spelling of each student's name; it must match what we have on record.
- Be sure to include either the ARDMS ID Number or date of birth for each student
- Multiple School Report requests are welcome but each report request must be submitted on a separate form.
- Request forms must include a minimum of three students; we cannot issue a School Report with fewer than that number.
- Reports do not include individual raw scores or the names of candidates who failed.

For more information on School Report Guidelines, please [click here](#).

## Volunteer with ARDMS/APCA!

At Inteleos, we depend on our over 600 volunteers to help create the global standards of excellence in healthcare and patient safety. As our reach continues to expand into new segments of healthcare, the support of dedicated volunteers is more necessary and meaningful than ever. We need your help to continue to develop high quality examinations. [Click here](#) for information on volunteering with ARDMS or [click here](#) for information on volunteering as a physician with APCA.

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#RealTalkSonography

## Sonography Program Spotlight: Alvin Community College DCVS



Formed in 1996, the Alvin Community College Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sonography (ACC DCVS) program was the first Cardiovascular Sonography and Pediatric Echocardiography accredited program established in the state of Texas. Offering six concentrations, ACC DCVS first became accredited in 2002 and has since completed re-accreditation in 2008, 2013 and 2018. In addition to their studies, ACC DCVS students log over 1200 clinical hours in cardiac and vascular scanning in and around the Houston community.

**ARDMS:** What is one defining moment or story that best represents what your program means to you and your community?

**ACC DCVS:** Part of our program format is that the student earns Service Learning Points (SLP) as part of the community service. Our students take extra time away from their studies and personal life to address the needs of the community in and around Houston. We also offer free cardiac and vascular scans weekly to the community. We have identified many interesting pathologies by offering these free scans. Because of this service, we have gained trust within our community towards helping those who are in need. It is always nice to see our "regulars" show up at the health fair or in our weekly scanning lab time to encourage the students. Also, the students like to hear the feedback from the patients for their learning experience.

**ARDMS:** How does your program prepare students for a post-graduation career?

**ACC DCVS:** Our students log at least twelve hundred (1200) clinical hours in scanning during their two year educational period. The staff also schedules mock interviews instruction to help the students prepare for their upcoming interview process. Finally, each instructor offers free board reviews/testing time/study time to help the student feel comfortable and confident for their registry review.

To read more about Alvin Community College DCVS, please [click here!](#)



**Q:** When can students apply for the SPI exam?

**A:** Students may apply for the Sonography Principles & Instrumentation (SPI) examination under the SPI Examination Requirement, after completing a general, medical or sonographic physics class (with a grade of C or above)/seminar/course.

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[Ultrasonographer](#) (Orangeburg, SC)

[Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer/RVT \(full-time\)](#) (Jonesboro, LA)

To view more, visit [UltrasoundJOBS.com](#) and search sonography-specific positions in your area. [Create an account](#), upload your resume, browse the Career Learning Center and build custom job alerts to fit your needs.

## Hiring? Post a Job!

[UltrasoundJOBS.com](#), the official career website for the ARDMS, will help you find the right professional by delivering enhanced features including a Feature Jobs option and Ultrasound SmartBrief Add-on. [Create an account today!](#)

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## OR

Students (specifically in a CAAHEP or CMA Program) whose Program Directors have added them to a Paperless Application, may apply for the SPI examination under prerequisite 2 up to 60 days prior to graduation. Please remind your students not to submit the online application prior to receiving the eligibility email as this will cause delays in processing.

**Q:** When should students apply for specialty exams?

**A:** Students (specifically in a CAAHEP or CMA Program) whose Program Directors have added them to a Paperless Application, may apply for approved specialty examination(s) up to 60 days prior to graduation. Please remind your students not to submit the online application prior to receiving the eligibility email as this will cause delays in processing.

**Q:** What specialty examination are available under the Paperless Prerequisite Program?

**A:** The Paperless Application Program is only available for the ARDMS on-demand examinations: (Abdomen (AB), Adult Echocardiography (AE), Breast (BR) – for CME-accredited programs only, Obstetrics & Gynecology (OB), Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (SPI), and Vascular Technology (VT).

To promote knowledge sharing and open communication, we have added a new feature to *Notes for Educators* – the **Certification Corner!** Here you will find answers to questions we've received from you directly or FAQs from the *Contact Us* section of the ARDMS website.

Don't stay in the dark! Submit your question(s) to [Communications@ARDMS.org](#) so we can address them here in a future issue!



## We want to hear from you!

Is there anything you would like to see more of in our next *Notes for Educators* newsletter? Do you have any topics you think would be great to share with the educator community? Please let us know by emailing [Communications@ARDMS.org](#)!