



Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI) Registrant Spotlight

This section spotlights a CCI registrant for his or her accomplishments and dedication to the cardiovascular profession. Submissions may be sent to Christine Johnson via email at cjohnson@cci-online.org.

Matthew Allen, RVS

Matthew Allen began his career as a student in the Cardiovascular Technology program at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, Florida. After starting clinical rotations in the cath lab, he decided he was most interested in focusing on non-invasive vascular ultrasound. He completed his Associate in Science degree in Cardiovascular Technology in 2005 and has been employed at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida since 2006. Matthew is a Vascular Technologist and conducts diagnostic and research studies such as the Hemodialysis Fistula Maturation Consortium (HFM) for dialysis patients, performing interval ultrasound examinations to track maturation process of the arteriovenous fistula, and vascular function.

He enjoys that every day with a patient is unique. Matthew states, "Patients are very complex, like a puzzle. My job is never monotonous. I conduct approximately 18-20 different tests, which provide me with a lot of variety throughout the day. I love that my job is constantly challenging."

His mentors have been CCI Secretary Gail Size, BS, RVT, RVS, RPhS, FSVU, with whom he is a contributing author in her book on vascular technology; Jill Arnold, RVT, who trained Matthew at Shands; and CCI Board of Trustees member Sharon Whitcraft BS, RVS, RVT, who has facilitated learning on all levels to help improve his skills and created many opportunities for growth in his professional career. Matthew admires all of these individuals for their accomplishments and vast knowledge in the field.

Gail Size states, "If Matthew Allen is an example of the new generation of formally trained vascular technologist, we could not be in better hands. This young man is extremely dedicated to his patients, career, and the future of his profession. Matthew is a true professional; he is skilled, credentialed, hardworking, methodical, efficient, organized, and ethical.

Matthew exceeds any definition of professionalism by continuing to embrace his profession of vascular technology by mentoring, writing articles, writing course books, participating in cutting-edge clinical trials, and most importantly, volunteering with organizations such as CCI as an item writer for the Registered Vascular Specialist registry exam. Matthew is someone who is very passionate about his career and is taking the technology to new and higher levels."



Matthew believes that holding a registry-level credential provides him with a high standard to maintain, and he is active on many levels that support credentialing. He has been a Site Visitor with the Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology (JRC-CVT) since January 2012. In this role, he visits schools and programs that apply for initial accreditation or reaccreditation. He and the site visit team will meet with Program Directors and students, review records, and tour on-campus facilities. He has been an item writer on the CCI Vascular Registry committee since 2010, sits on the Santa Fe College CVT Advisory Committee, is an Industry Representative for the CVT State of Florida Curriculum committee, teaches Vascular Term II and III lab at Santa Fe College, and is Interim President of the Florida Regional Vascular Society, an affiliated chapter of the SVU.

Matthew is currently completing a Bachelor of Science in Vascular Technology through Oregon Institute of Technology. ♥

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