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NOTICE to Cardiovascular Educators and Students

CCI expands change to clinical education requirement to include students graduating from non-programmatically accredited programs from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

We have received several questions regarding disruptions to students' clinical externships and how this might impact a students' ability to meet certification requirements that include 800 clinical externship hours.

CCI is announcing an expansion of its decision to temporarily modify qualification prerequisites affecting students enrolled in non-programmatically accredited cardiovascular technology and cardiac and vascular ultrasound programs. This change will now include students with graduation dates between January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

CCI's board has temporarily changed the minimum 800 clinical externship hours requirement to a minimum of 400 clinical externship hours (in the specialty in which the examination is being requested).

This change only impacts candidates applying under the following qualification prerequisites:

- Qualification Prerequisite RCCS5 for the Registered Congenital Cardiac Sonographer (RCCS) exam
- Qualification Prerequisite RCES5 for the Registered Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist (RCES) exam
- Qualification Prerequisite RCIS5 for the Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) exam
- Qualification Prerequisite RCS5 for the Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS) exam
- Qualification Prerequisite RVS5 for the Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS) exam

Clinical verification letters must be submitted per CCI's guidelines, stating the number of clinical hours completed and the time period during which the clinical hours were completed. For complete CCI guidelines, please download the sample supporting documentation from www.cci-online.org.

CCI understands that educational programs are relying on alternative approaches for students to complete their requirements to graduate. CCI supports the efforts of programs to determine the best alternatives for students to complete their requirements for graduation (including academic courses and clinical externship hours) based on current conditions.

As your program determines the specific requirements for graduation, CCI's expectations are that programs will continue to provide opportunities for knowledge and skills to be developed, and that programs are confident in the competencies of their graduates to meet CCI's examination eligibility requirements and to enter the workforce.



CCI remains committed to supporting cardiovascular educational programs and their students during the public health threat of COVID-19.