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## Cardiovascular Credentialing International

# Registrant Spotlight

### ***Shawn P. Derrick MBA, RCCS, RDCS (AE, PE), RVT***

Shawn became interested in cardiac ultrasound and sonography while in the United States Navy working in the Cardiac Care Unit at the Naval Hospital in San Diego, California. He followed heart patients through their treatment and different diagnostic tests, a cardiac catheterization, and an echocardiogram. He then decided he wanted to pursue a career as a Cardiovascular Technologist. He was accepted into the Naval School of Health Sciences and enjoyed learning how to perform echocardiograms.

After earning his MBA, Shawn decided to earn the Registered Congenital Cardiac Sonographer (RCCS) through CCI. He wanted to focus his skills on cardiac anatomy and physiology, complex congenital defects, and palliative/corrective surgical procedures. Studying for the RCCS helped him to further deepen his knowledge about echocardiography. For example, he gained more understanding of fetal development of the heart and how complex cardiac defects are formed.

He has been a cardiac sonographer now for over 25 years and holds four national registries with three in echocardiography: adult, pediatric, and congenital. Shawn's fourth registry is in vascular technology. Shawn currently works as the team lead at Intermountain Healthcare in St. George, Utah at the Dixie Regional Medical Center. His colleague Stephanie Nay, RCCS, states, "The hospital where Shawn works did not have anyone to scan babies in the NICU or congenital heart clinics. The affiliated children's hospital would rotate a sonographer and

a pediatric/adult congenital cardiologist monthly. When an opportunity presented itself for Shawn to learn how to scan congenital echoes from the visiting sonographers, he expanded his skills. Over the next four years, he scanned every congenital heart patient at his facility."



Shawn says, "Studying and passing the RCCS has given me a sense of achievement. I feel more confident in my ability to scan and recognize the many different complex congenital cardiac lesions. In the long run, my RCCS has helped my career by allowing me to perform better examinations and assist the cardiologists in enhancing their ability to diagnose our patients, which provides our patients with higher quality care. It also has helped me to excel at my job and become a leader in my field."

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