

# Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS)



## WHAT IS THE RVS CERTIFICATION?

The Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS) examination is for professionals working in the area of vascular ultrasound.

## HOW DO I QUALIFY TO SIT FOR THE EXAM?

There are several qualification prerequisites available to applicants. Most prerequisites require a combination of education with vascular ultrasound work experience.



## EXAM OUTLINE

The following matrix breaks down the general distribution of questions and the relative weight or emphasis given to a skill or content area on the examination.

Content Category	Approximate % of Examination
A. Maintaining Patient Care and Safety	9%
B. Applying Principles of Physics and Hemodynamics	15%
C. Performing Abdominal/Visceral Examinations	11%
D. Performing Extracranial/Intracranial Examinations	20%
E. Performing Arterial Examinations of the Upper and Lower Extremities	21%
F. Performing Venous Examinations of the Upper and Lower Extremities	20%
G. Performing Hemodialysis Examinations	3%
Total	100%

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## QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

All applicants must meet the following criteria: 1) Have a high school diploma or general education diploma at the time of application. 2) Fulfill one (1) of the qualifications of the exam for which you are applying. 3) Provide documentation to support the qualification prerequisite under which you are applying.

### Option 1 - RVS1

- Two years of full-time or full-time equivalent work experience in vascular ultrasound
- Performed a minimum of 600 vascular ultrasound studies at the time of application

**Note: Effective June 30, 2023, this qualification will sunset.**

### Option 2 - RVS235

- A graduate of a diploma, associate, or baccalaureate academic program in health science (including, but not limited to, cardiovascular technology, ultrasound, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy, or nursing)
- One year of full-time or full-time equivalent work experience in vascular ultrasound
- Performance of at least 600 vascular ultrasound studies in their career, which is defined as work experience and/or clinical experience gained during a formal educational program

### Option 3 - RVS4

- A graduate of a programmatically accredited program in vascular ultrasound

### Option 4 - RVS5

- A graduate of a non-programmatically accredited program in vascular ultrasound which has a minimum of one year of specialty training and includes a minimum of 800 clinical hours in vascular ultrasound. *Note: If an applicant's clinical hours were completed after graduation or if the hours are not a requirement for their educational program, then those hours would not count toward the 800-hour minimum requirement. All clinical hours must be earned in a setting in which patients are being tested or medically treated*

### Option 5 - RVS6

- Active ultrasound credential holder with six months of full-time or full-time equivalent work experience in vascular ultrasound
- Participated in a minimum of 100 vascular ultrasound studies at the time of application

