# AWARD OF CREDIT by VALENCIA COLLEGE for the

### SPI - Sonography Principals & Instrumentation Credential from (ARDMS)

## and the Echocardiography Advanced Technical Certificate

To provide career opportunities for students in the Echocardiography Advanced Technical Certificate program, Valencia College agrees to award a maximum of three college credits for Cardiopulmonary Sciences course work to eligible students who:

- currently hold the RDMS Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer credential,
- successfully earned the SPI Sonography Principles and Instrumentation Credential from the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), and
- have been granted full admission to the Echocardiography Advanced Technical Certificate program at Valencia College.

Once the requirements for the awarding of the Cardiopulmonary Sciences coursework have been met, there will be no additional cost for the awarding of these credits (maximum of three credits).

#### MAXIMUM AWARD OF CREDIT

This agreement makes it possible for a student to receive a maximum of two (2) semester hours of college credit for earning the SPI – Sonography Principles and Instrumentation Credential towards the Echocardiography Advanced Technical Certificate program at Valencia College, which is in accordance with commonly accepted good practice in higher education.

#### PLEASE AWARD CREDIT 2 CREDITS FOR THE COURSES LISTED BELOW:

SPI – Sonography Principals &	Echocardiography Advanced Technical Certificate
Instrumentation Credential from	
the American Registry for	
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	RET 4443 Cardiac Ultrasound Physics (2 Credits)
(ARDMS)	

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#### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Valencia's faculty and staff who have responsibility for the supervision and coordination of the Echocardiography Advanced Technical Certificate program have assessed the adequacy of the documentation and determined that the learning outcomes, performance standards, and assessment procedures of the certification meet the college standards for college credit course work and that the learning outcomes are consistent with the course work in the Advanced Technical Certificate program being articulated.

#### AWARD OF CREDIT PROCESS

To have the courses reported on the official Valencia College transcript, the student must:

- 1. Meet all admission requirements for the Echocardiography Advanced Technical Certificate program, including submission of the Echocardiography Advanced Certificate program Application.
- 2. Be in Active Student Status seeking the Echocardiography Advanced Technical Certificate.
- 3. Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.0, including transfer work.
- 4. Upon completion of numbers 1 through 4, submit the required paperwork, including documentation for the Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer with the SPI Sonography Principles & Instrumentation Credential from (ARDMS), to officially request the Award of Credit for Cardiac Ultrasound Physics.

The Program Chair for Cardiopulmonary Sciences and the Dean of Allied Health on the West campus of Valencia will evaluate the student's record, determine the eligibility, and notify the Registrar's Office of acceptable credit to be awarded toward the Advanced Technical Certificate in Echocardiography.

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#### TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This agreement applies to students who have successfully earned the SPI – Sonography Principals & Instrumentation Credential from (ARDMS). The agreement will be reviewed as needed and it shall remain in effect until Valencia identifies a need for revision or termination.

APPROVED: VALENCIA COLLEGE

Sharon Shenton Program Chair

Date

Jahry Chulak

Interim Dean, Allied Health

Date