

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Effectiveness
Institution Name:
Northern Virginia Community College
CAAHEP Accredited Concentrations:
Abdomen-Extended, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Vascular and Adult Cardiac

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Student Retention: Total # of Graduates/Total # of Students Enrolled

Retention Threshold: 70% of total enrollment (sliding scale is used for cohorts of 9 or less enrolled students)

Cohort Number	Track Name (if applicable)	2025 # Graduates	2025 # Enrolled	2025 % Retention	2024 # Graduates	2024 # Enrolled	2024 % Retention	2023 # Graduates	2023 # Enrolled	2023 % Retention	3-Year Average Student Retention
1	ADULT ECHO	6	8	75%	8	8	100%	7	8	88%	88%
2	VASCULAR	8	8	100%	5	6	83%	5	6	83%	89%
3	GENERAL (ABDOMEN-EXT & OB/GYN)	14	16	88%	12	14	86%	9	15	60%	78%

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Job Placement: Total # of Graduates employed in 6 months/Total # of Graduates

Job Placement Threshold (within 6 months of graduation): 75% of graduates employed as sonographers in one of program's accredited specialties, continuing their education or actively serving in the military

Cohort Number	Track Name (if applicable)	2025 # Employed	2025 # Graduates	2025 % Job Placement	2024 # Employed	2024 # Graduates	2024 % Job Placement	2023 # Employed	2023 # Graduates	2023 % Job Placement	3-Year Average % Job Placement
1	ADULT ECHO	6	6	100%	8	8	100%	5	7	71%	90%
2	VASCULAR	7	8	88%	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	96%
3	GENERAL (ABDOMEN-EXT & OB/GYN)	14	14	100%	10	12	83%	9	9	100%	94%

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Test Takers Rate: Total # of Test Takers/Total # of Graduates **for the concentration**

Test Takers 3-Year Trend Threshold:

50% for programs that have **15 or fewer** graduates over a 3-year timeframe

60% for programs that have **16 or greater** graduates over a 3-year timeframe

Cohort Number(s) (programs w/multiple cohorts of the same concentration must indicate all cohort #s on one row)	Concentration	2025 # Test Takers	2025 # Graduates	2025 % Test Takers	2024 # Test Takers	2024 # Graduates	2024 % Test Takers	2023 # Test Takers	2023 # Graduates	2023 % Test Takers	3-Year Graduates Total	% Test Takers 3-Year Trend
1	ADULT CARDIAC	6	6	100%	8	8	100%	6	7	86%	21	95%
2	VASCULAR	8	8	100%	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	18	100%
3	ABDOMEN-EXTENDED	13	14	93%	8	12	67%	7	9	78%	35	80%
3	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY	14	14	100%	12	12	100%	9	9	100%	35	100%

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Credential Success Rate: Total # of Graduates successfully earning credential/Total # of Test Takers

Credential Success Threshold (within one year of graduation): 60% of graduates passing a credentialing exam per concentration that the program holds accreditation

Cohort Number	Concentration & Credentialing Exam(s)	2025 # Earners	2025 # Test Takers	2025 % Success	2024 # Earners	2024 # Test Takers	2024 % Success	2023 # Earners	2023 # Test Takers	2023 % Success	3-Year Average % Credential Success
1	ADULT CARDIAC – RDCS(AE) or RCS	6	6	100%	8	8	100%	5	6	83%	94%
2	VASCULAR – RVT(VT) or RVS or RT(VS)	8	8	100%	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	100%
3	ABDOMEN-EXT – RDMS(AB) or RT(S)	12	13	92%	7	8	88%	7	7	100%	93%
3	OB/GYN – RDMS(OB/GYN) or RT(S)	13	14	93%	11	12	92%	9	9	100%	95%

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