

AWARD OF CREDIT
by
VALENCIA COLLEGE

for the
Bachelor of Science Degree in
Cardiopulmonary Sciences

To provide career opportunities for students in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Cardiopulmonary Sciences (BSCARDIO) Program, Valencia College agrees to award a maximum of six college credits for Cardiopulmonary Sciences Core course work to eligible students who meet the following criteria:

- currently hold one of the approved credentials listed below.
- have been granted full admission to the B.S. in Cardiopulmonary (BSCARDIO) Degree Program at Valencia College, and
- have completed with grades of C or better a minimum of eighteen (18) upper division credits for the BSCARDIO degree.

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

MAXIMUM AWARD OF CREDIT

This agreement makes it possible for a student to receive a maximum of six (6) semester hours of college credit for holding one of the approved credentials listed below towards the B.S. Degree in Cardiopulmonary Sciences (BSCARDIO) Program at Valencia College.

This is in accordance with commonly accepted good practice in higher education.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Valencia's faculty and staff who have responsibility for the supervision and coordination of the Cardiopulmonary Sciences Degree program have assessed the adequacy of the documentation.

Through their review, they have determined that the learning outcomes, performance standards, and assessment procedures for the following certifications meet the college standards for college credit course work, and that the learning outcomes are consistent with the course work in the B.S. Degree program being articulated.

ALTERNATIVE AWARD OF CREDIT SUMMARY

Please highlight the credential and the courses you are awarding credit for:

Admission Credential	Advanced Credential	Course(s)
RRT- Registered Respiratory Therapist (NBRC)*	ACCS- Adult Critical Care Specialist	(6 credits Total) RET 3287 Cardiopulmonary Diagnostics (3 credits) RET 3354 Medical Pharmacology (3 credits)
RRT – Registered Respiratory Therapist (NBRC)	NPS – Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care Specialist	RET 3715 Neonatal Medicine (3 credits)
RRT – Registered Respiratory Therapist (NBRC)	RPFT – Registered Pulmonary Function Technologist	RET 3287 Cardiopulmonary Diagnostics (3 credits)
RCIS- Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (CCI)** RRT- Registered Respiratory Therapist (NBRC)	RCS- Registered Cardiac Sonographer or RCCS- Registered Congenital Cardiac Sonographer or RDCS -Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer ***	Cardiac Ultrasound Concentration (10 credits) RET 4440C (3cr), RET 4441C (3cr), RET 4942L (2cr) and RET 4943L (2cr)
RCES- Registered Cardiovascular Electrophysiology Specialist (CCI)	RCS- Registered Cardiac Sonographer or RCCS – Registered Congenital Cardiac Sonographer or RDCS -Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer	Cardiac Ultrasound Concentration (10 credits) RET 4440C (3cr), RET 4441C (3cr), RET 4942L (2cr) and RET 4943L (2cr)
RVS- Registered Vascular Specialist (CCI) RVT – Registered Vascular Technologist (ARDMS)	RCS- Registered Cardiac Sonographer or RCCS – Registered Congenital Cardiac Sonographer or RDCS -Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer	Cardiac Ultrasound Concentration (10 credits) RET 4440C (3cr), RET 4441C (3cr), RET 4942L (2cr) and RET 4943L (2cr)
<p>All BSCARDIO students would have to have the Admission Credential plus the Advanced Credential in order to qualify for Alternative Award of Credit as listed.</p> <p>Credentialing Agencies: * NBRC– National Board for Respiratory Care ** CCI – Cardiovascular Credentialing International *** ARDMS – American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography</p>		

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 B.S. Degree in Cardiopulmonary Sciences Program, including submission of the Health Sciences B.S. in Cardiopulmonary Sciences Program Application.
2. Be in Active Student Status seeking the Cardiopulmonary Sciences B.S. Degree.
3. Have completed with grades of C or better a minimum of eighteen (18) upper division (3000 – 4000 level) credits for the BSCARDIO degree.
4. Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.0, including transfer work.
5. Upon completion of numbers 1 through 4, submit the required paperwork, including documentation of the approved credential to officially request the Award of Credit toward the BS Degree in Cardiopulmonary Sciences.

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 for the Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Sciences.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This agreement applies to students who have earned one of the approved credentials that are included in this agreement. 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



Penny Conners
Dean, Allied Health



Date