

## Earn SDMS CME Credit for College Courses

The ARDMS currently requires that first-time registry applicants (refer to ARDMS prerequisite requirements) document a minimum of 12 clock hours of education specific to the credential exam for which they are sitting. SDMS offers members a mechanism with which to meet that requirement.

The SDMS Continuing Medical Education (CME) Guidelines include a program in which CME credits are awarded for specific college courses. The process is simple and free for SDMS members and you may be eligible.

Here's all that's required:

1. Application has to be made to the SDMS Headquarters within 6 months of successfully completing the course (grade of C or above),
2. Course work must have been completed in a CAAHEP accredited sonography program,
3. Complete SDMS CME credit application (form B-5) and send it along with:
  - a. name/address of the accredited college or university
  - b. the degree program enrolled in (if applicable)
  - c. description of the course and number of credit hours (a copy of the course description and number of semester/quarter hours from the college catalog\*), and
  - d. official transcript showing successful completion of the course.

*\*It is particularly important to note that the course description you provide be detailed in such a way that it is clear that the course was related to a specific sonography specialty area.*

If the information is vague and ambiguous, credit can be awarded only in the "Other" category. In order to comply with the ARDMS documentation requirements, the 12 clock hours must be credential-specific<sup>‡</sup>.

For example, you have completed a course called "Sonography 101". The course description indicates this course is an introduction to the principles of sonography. The description does not indicate that the course work includes didactic/clinical work in any specific specialty area (abdomen, cardiac, ob/gyn, vascular sonography, neurosonology). Therefore, credit could only be awarded in a general "Other" category. If the description includes explicit information about the specialty area, CME credits can be awarded in that specialty area.

For a SDMS CME credit application and more information, visit the SDMS website at <http://www.sdms.org/pdf/cmeguidelines.pdf>.

### **<sup>‡</sup>ARDMS Credentials**

RDMS - Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

RDCS – Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer

### **Specialties**

Abdomen  
Breast  
Neurosonology  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Fetal Echocardiography

Adult echocardiography  
Pediatric echocardiography  
Fetal echocardiography

RVT – Registered Vascular Technologist

Noninvasive Vascular Technology