

# Registered Phlebology Sonographer (RPhS)



## WHAT IS THE RPHS CERTIFICATION?

The Registered Phlebology Sonographer (RPhS) credential is for physicians, sonographers, nurses, physician assistants and other associate health professionals who utilize ultrasound to treat vein disorders.

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

There are several qualification prerequisites available for both physician and non-physician applicants. All prerequisites require a combination of education or licensing along with venous disease 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. Maintain Information, Facility, and Safety	6%
B. Patient Diagnosis	22%
C. Performance of Diagnostic Testing	35%
D. Conservative Treatment / Therapy of Patients	9%
E. Minimally Invasive and Invasive Treatment of Patients	27%
Total	100%



## PREPARATION

CCI does not recommend or endorse any third-party review programs, but does offer an online self-assessment examination for purchase for self-evaluation purposes. A reference list is also provided in the RPhS Examination Overview.

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### **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RPHS CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRY CREDENTIAL EXAMS IN VASCULAR LIKE THE RVS AND RVT?**

The content on the RPhS examination specifically focuses on venous ultrasound and its use to diagnose and treat patients. RPhS credential holders can perform vascular ultrasound but are more specialized with additional knowledge in the diagnosis and treatment of venous disease/ disorders.

### **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RPHS EXAM AND THE AMERICAN BOARD OF VENOUS & LYMPHATIC MEDICINE (ABVLM) EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATION?**

The RPhS examination and credential is meant to demonstrate that physicians, sonographers and other associate professionals have displayed a fundamental knowledge of venous ultrasound and its use in treatment of venous diseases. The ABVLM examination demonstrates that physicians have met rigorous standards of education, experience, and evaluation in all aspects of phlebology.

### **WHAT ACCREDITATION BODIES RECOGNIZE THE RPHS?**

The Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) Vascular Testing and Vein Center lab accreditation standards include CCI's RPhS and RVS credentials as appropriate for technical staff. Several CMS providers also recognize the RPhS for reimbursement.

