



## Cardiovascular Technology- Sharing Best Practices Session Notes (April 8, 2020)

### **Attendees**

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### **Topic Discussion Notes**

1. TCSG Recommendations & Resources
  - GVTC- Academic Continuity Webpage, <https://gvtc.tcsg.edu/deac/>
    - Provides online strategies, best practices for instructors and students, recommendations for virtual labs and much more.
  - Agencies Program Modification Spreadsheet
    - Sasha presented and explained the TCSG Health Program Clinical Hours.
    - Any communication received from programmatic accrediting agency or regulatory body should be sent to Sasha to ensure

that the spreadsheet is updated with the most recent agency information.

- The group reviewed the information presented and informed Sasha that all columns were correct.

Cardiovascular Technology	195	480	900		90	CAAHEP (JRC-CVT)	CAAHEP does not mandate hours. Program/Clinical length is sufficient to the time needed to acquire required competencies. Agency expects programs to follow submitted TCSG standards.
Echocardiography	195	615	1260	315	120	CAAHEP (JRC-CVT)	CAAHEP does not mandate hours. Program/Clinical length is sufficient to the time needed to acquire required competencies. Agency expects programs to follow submitted TCSG standards.

## 2. Open Discussion

- Sasha discussed her attendance on American Technical Education Association (ATEA) Best Practice for Going Virtual meetings and will send out any notes if a Sonography meeting is presented in the near future.
- The colleges shared the following information,
  - Ogeechee Technical College
    - Uses Blackboard Collaborate & Discussion boards for lecture and lab assignments.
    - Assigns weekly pathology case studies
    - For competitive admissions they have moved backed their submission deadline.
  - Central GA Technical College
    - For laboratory assignments, Cardiovascular & ECHO students are assigned case studies.
    - Students are also required to create EKG rhythm strips.
  - Georgia Northwestern Technical College
    - For competitive admissions, use the Psychological Services Bureau Health Aptitude Exam (PSB) and required students to take all 5 categories.
    - Competitive admission has been pushed back until June or July
    - PSB was been suspended for Fall admission and will only require GPA.
  - Southern Crescent Technical College
    - Competitive admission deadline scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - 1<sup>st</sup> semester requiring PSB test

- Requires students to attend information session as a requirement for admission acceptance into the program.
  - Gwinnett Technical College
    - Competitive admission deadline scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
    - For competitive admission, uses the TEAS examination.
3. Recommended Resources
- Provided from Gwinnett Technical College
    - Links for Invasive
      - <https://www.medtronicacademy.com/> for interactive assignments
      - <https://www.learningnurse.org/>
      - <https://www.healio.com/cardiology/learn-the-heart>
    - Links for Noninvasive
      - <https://sonosim.com/>
        - Instructor suggested the link due to the simulation product.
    - Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography-  
<https://www.sdms.org/>
      - Instructor suggested the link due to the free webinar available for the year.
      - Instructors using the webinar as an assignment quiz grade within online course.