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## Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee (IFCC)

### Cardiovascular Technology/Vascular Technology

Date: May 19th, 2021

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: WebEx

Meeting Facilitator: Sasha Kahiga

Recorder: Sasha Kahiga

#### **Attendees**

- 1) Crista Resch - Clinical Coordinator, GA Northwestern Technical College
- 2) Elisabeth Frails - Program Director, Augusta Technical College
- 3) Janice Bush - Program Coordinator, Southern Crescent Technical College
- 4) Jessica Smith - Clinical Coordinator, Southern Crescent Technical College
- 5) Sasha Kahiga - Curriculum Program Specialist, TCSG

#### **Agenda Topics/Discussion**

##### *Welcome*

Sasha Kahiga welcomed all participants and informed everyone that since the group was small, she will capture their attendance via the participants options within WebEx.

##### *Review of Agenda*

Sasha stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to review the VAST courses since Vascular Technology is a program that falls within the same category as CAVT, DMSO & ECHO, and the majority of the programs share courses amongst one another. The group agreed that the VAST program & course standards needed to be reviewed and updated since it has been a few years since the last time the group met.

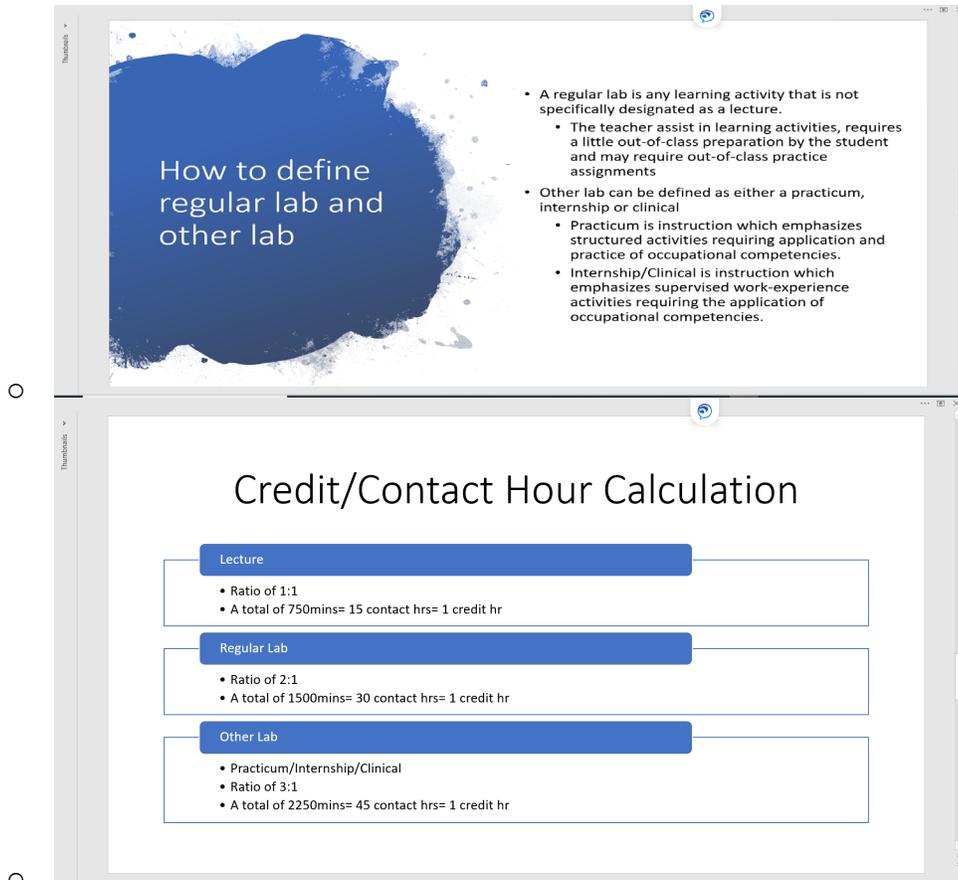


- Sasha presented the group with Cristia’s institutional developed program.



Course	Credits	Other	Lab	Internship	Clinical	Other
MATH 1127 - Introduction to Statistics (201903) 3 hrs	3	0	3	0	0	0
PHYS 1110 - Conceptual Physics (201903) 3 hrs	3	0	3	0	0	0
PHYS 1106 - Conceptual Physics Lab (201903) 1 hr	1	0	1	0	0	0
Area IV Humanities/Fine Arts	3	0	0	0	0	0
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	0	0	0	0
Non-General Education Degree Courses	3	0	0	0	0	0
BIOI 2113 - Anatomy and Physiology I (201903) 3 hrs	3	0	3	0	0	0
BIOI 2113L - Anatomy and Physiology Lab I (201903) 1 hr	1	0	1	0	0	0
BIOI 2114 - Anatomy and Physiology II (201903) 3 hrs	3	0	3	0	0	0
BIOI 2114L - Anatomy and Physiology Lab II (201903) 1 hr	1	0	1	0	0	0
Occupational Courses	46	0	0	0	0	0
DNISO 1040 - Sectional Anatomy and Normal Sonographic Appearance (201412) 3 hrs	3	0	3	0	0	0
DNISO 1040 - Sonographic Physics and Instrumentation (201412) 3 hrs	3	0	3	0	0	0
DNISO 1040 - Sonographic Physics and Instrumentation Registry Review (201412) 1 hr	1	0	1	0	0	0
VAST 1041 - Vascular I (201412) 4 hrs	4	0	4	0	0	0
VAST 1100 - Vascular Fundamentals (201412) 3 hrs	3	0	3	0	0	0
VAST 2071 - Vascular II (201412) 4 hrs	4	0	4	0	0	0
VAST 2080 - Fundamentals of Echocardiography (201412) 2 hrs	2	0	2	0	0	0
VAST 2050 - Vascular Clinical I (201412) 6 hrs	6	0	6	0	0	0
VAST 2080 - Vascular Clinical II (201412) 6 hrs	6	0	6	0	0	0
VAST 2100 - Vascular Clinical III - Echocardiography (201412) 13 hrs	13	0	13	0	0	0
VAST 2100 - Advanced Vascular Technology Registry Review (201412) 1 hr	1	0	1	0	0	0

- Crista explained to the group in detail the layout of the institutional developed VAST 1041 & VAST 2071 courses. Crista explained that the VAST 1041 is a carbon copy of VAST 1040. Additionally, due to other schools using the old diploma program and offering VAST 2070 at different times, causing a conflict for her program, Crista stated that she had to merge vast 2050 & 2070 to create the VAST 2071 course. However, once Augusta Tech finished teaching out the diploma program, the VAST 2070 was removed from the curriculum, and the standards were added to VAST 2050, making it identical to her VAST 2071 course.
- The difference within the program compared to the standard program is the VAST 2030 & VAST 2100. Crista stated that CAVT 1030 was removed because their students entered into Echo and decided to create the VAST 2030 & 2100. Jessica and Janice noted that they like the GA Northwestern program and are interested in adopting the program for Southern Crescent.
- Crista asked the ladies if they have an idea of how long they envision their program to be. Jessica stated that they were hoping to run the programs simultaneously, and she will teach Vascular while Janice will teach Cardiovascular within four semesters. Crista noted that they could do that because her program is four semesters; the students start in the fall and end the following fall semester.
- Sasha explained to Jessica & Janice the next steps they need to take with their college administration to adopt the VA13 program belonging to GA Northwestern. In response, they stated they would speak with their administration.
- The group asked Sasha to explain the difference between Regular Lab & Other Lab. Sasha presented the group with the definitions and provided a detailed explanation.



**How to define regular lab and other lab**

- A regular lab is any learning activity that is not specifically designated as a lecture.
- The teacher assist in learning activities, requires a little out-of-class preparation by the student and may require out-of-class practice assignments
- Other lab can be defined as either a practicum, internship or clinical
  - Practicum is instruction which emphasizes structured activities requiring application and practice of occupational competencies.
  - Internship/Clinical is instruction which emphasizes supervised work-experience activities requiring the application of occupational competencies.

**Credit/Contact Hour Calculation**

Activity	Ratio	Contact Hours	Credit
Lecture	1:1	750 mins	1 credit hr
Regular Lab	2:1	1500 mins	1 credit hr
Other Lab	3:1	2250 mins	1 credit hr

- Moving on, Sasha reminded the group that they indicated within the last IFCC meeting that there were not many changes made. Based on what she saw, several of the courses needed updates to lab descriptions. Crista informed Sasha that she would indicate to her which of the institutional developed VAST classes belonging to GA Northwestern will need to reflect those revisions as well.
- The following revisions were made,
  - VAST 1041.829: Vascular I
    - Course description remain as is
    - Pre-reqs remain as is
    - Co-reqs remain as is
    - “Internship” description was removed from the regular lab category and replaced with the “lab” description.
    - Course hours remain as is
  - VAST 1100: Vascular Fundamentals
    - Course description remain as is
    - Pre-reqs remain as is

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- Co-reqs remain as is
- “Internship” description was removed from the regular lab category and replaced with the “lab” description.
- Course hours remain as is.
  
- VAST 2050: Vascular II
  - Course description remain as is
  - Pre-reqs remain as is
  - Co-reqs remain as is
  - “Internship” description was removed from the regular lab category and replaced with the “lab” description.
  - “Practicum” description has been added to the other lab category.
  - Course hours remain as is.
  
- VAST 2071.829: Vascular II
  - Course description remain as is
  - Pre-reqs remain as is
  - Co-reqs remain as is
  - Course hours remain as is
  
- Sasha asked the group if there were any revisions, such as learning outcomes needed for any other VAST courses. The group stated that the modifications provided are the only changes needed.
- Crista asked Sasha if the MATH 1127 course was going to remain within the curriculum. Sasha stated that the other programs kept the MATH 1127 course because the national curriculum provided by the accrediting agency for DMS & CVT has not been released. Although the standards have been released and it states a MATH, the other programs wanted to table the removal of the course just in case the national curriculum decides to specify the type of MATH needed.
- Sasha asked the group to review the overall program standards, such as the occupational trends, program description, and remove outdated information. Crista stated that she would email Sasha a copy of the revisions.
- Sasha asked the group if they would like to add the 60min calculation statement to their program standards for those programs using 60mins for their clinical rotations rather than the 50mins listed within the clinical course. The group stated that they would like the statement added.
- Sasha asked the group if there were any further questions or concerns, and there were none.
- The group began discussing workloads, amount of instructors and etc.



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**Conclusion/Action Items**

In conclusion, Sasha informed the group that she would revise the courses under a new version. She further explained to the group the next steps needed for the program and how the actions coincide with revisions made to the DMSO, CAVT & ECHO programs. Other faculty stated that they would be in attendance for the meeting as well. She asked the group if there were any additional comments or questions. The group did not have any further questions. Sasha thanked the group again for their hard work, participation, and valued feedback. Sasha concluded the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Meeting Minutes submitted by Sasha Kahiga