

CONTINUING EDUCATION

PURPOSE:

To provide required continuing education opportunities for registered sonographers that will insure continuing education requirement for the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (ARDMS) are met to maintain certification.

POLICY:

1. An active sonographer is required 30 credits in each three-year period (triennium) to maintain an active status. The ARDMS accepts credits from the American Medical Association (AMA), American Osteopathic Assoc (AOA), Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (SDMS), Canadian Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (CDMS), and American Institute of Ultrasound Medicine (AIUM), Society of Vascular Technology (SVT), American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) and Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).
2. Sonographers must attend continuing education meetings approved by the SDMS/ARDMS to obtain proper credit. They may attend Radiology meetings to maintain Radiology licensure for the state of Louisiana. Radiology licensure requires twenty-four hours of continuing education credits earned per licensing term.
3. Sonographers may attend Radiology In-service programs for credit in Radiology to fulfill State Radiology Licensure continuing education requirements. However this will not serve for credit in Sonography unless pre-approval with the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (SDMS).
4. Sonographers may access ARDMS preapproved continuing education credits on the Internet at different sites set up for sonographers by companies selling ultrasound equipment.

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