

**Description of Full Time status for CVT program students:**

Students enrolled in the Cardiovascular Technology (CVT) program must enroll as full-time students. Full-time enrollment in the CVT program in fall semester (I) is 11 units and consists weekly of 9 hours lecture and 6 hours campus lab for a total of 240 hours of classroom instruction for the 16 week semester. For mastery of content and development of technical skills, participation in open lab (ultrasound skills) is recommended and students should plan for 2 hours per week adding an additional 32 hours of instruction for the semester, for a total of 272 hours for the semester.

Spring semester (II) students will be full-time with 12 units consisting of 10 hours of lecture plus 6 hours of campus lab focused on track specialty (256 total hours of instruction for the semester). Again, for mastery of content and development of technical skills, participation in open lab (ultrasound skills) is recommended and students should plan for 2 hours per week adding an additional 32 hours of instruction for the semester (a total of 288 hours for the semester).

Summer session is 4 units; a six-week hybrid course with four on-campus meetings and a six-week clinical assignment of 16 hours per week (total of 96 clinical hours).

In fall semester (III) and spring semester (IV) 10 units are considered full-time. The number of clinical hours and classroom hours required each week prohibits students from enrolling in additional credits. CVT students will have 3 hours of lecture, 3 hours of campus lab and 3 hours of hospital lab per week for a total of 144 hours of track specialty instruction. Students will also complete 16 hours a week in the clinical setting performing direct patient care for 256 hours per semester. Each semester during the second year of the program (semesters III and IV) students will spend a minimum of 25 hours per week for instruction and clinical training for a total of 400 hours per semester.