



Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography (DCS) Certificate Program Effectiveness Data

The performance of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at Bellin College is reflected through program effectiveness data defined by our accrediting body, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP). Program effectiveness data includes program completion rate, credentialing examination pass rate and job placement rate. Explanations of these measures are disclosed along with the data tables below. For more information regarding program effectiveness data visit the CAAHEP website at www.caahep.org

ARDMS Credentialing Examination Pass Rate Five-year average

Class of:	Adult Echocardiography
2020 (N = 2)	100% (2/2)
2021 (N=3)	100% (3/3)
Average	100%

Disclosures:

- This is the number of students who pass the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) certification examination.
- Students/alumni must complete all examinations within one year of graduation.
- Certification information is available through the ARDMS site: [Verify ARDMS Certification](#)

**Job Placement Rate
Five-year average**

Class of:	Percent Employed	Number of Students
2020	100%	2
2021	100%	3
Average: 100%		

Disclosures:

- Data represents that which is self-reported from graduates six months post graduation and is calculated based on number employed/number of responses/numbers who graduated.

**Program Completion/Retention Rate
Five-year average**

Class of:	Percent completion	Number of Students
2020	100%	2 began / 2 graduated
2021	75%	4 began / 3 graduated
Average: 87.5%		

Disclosures:

- This is a measurement of the number of students that began the program divided by the number of students that actually completed the program.
- Bellin College bases its program completion rate on the number of students who graduate within 150% of the stated program length from the date of matriculation.
- Institutional retention and graduation rates for undergraduate students (first-time, full-time) are reported nationally at approximately 60% per the National Center for Education Statistics.

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- *Student Retention rate* – the number of students that began the program divided by the number of students that actually complete the program.
- *Credentialing examination success rate* – the number of students who pass the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) certification examination in abdominal, obstetric and gynecological, vascular technology, and sonographic principles and instrumentation within one year of graduation from the program.
- *Job placement rate* – the number of students that gain employment in the sonography field, are continuing their education, or in the military in one of the program's accredited specialties within six months of graduation from the program.

Information regarding college enrollment, persistence, credentialing, diversity, and job placement (employment) rates for the college as a whole are available on the Bellin College [Statistics](#) page. Information concerning the Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography is maintained on the website as a requirement of its accrediting body CAAHEP. For more information regarding program effectiveness data visit the CAAHEP website at <http://www.caahep.org>.