

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the **School of Invasive Cardiovascular Technology** at The Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center!

The Invasive Cardiovascular Technology (CVT) program is a limited access program and will select students who meet the rigorous academic, testing, and prescribed clinical admission requirements outlined below.

Our program is designed to provide an exceptional cardiovascular education and clinical experience in one of the fastest growing fields in the healthcare profession. After successful completion of this programmatically accredited, one year, full-time program, the student will receive a **Certificate in Invasive Cardiovascular Technology**.

In addition, the program is designed as a pathway to sit for the required national credentialing exam, **Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS)**, offered by Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI). For more information about the exam, please log onto: [www.cci-online.org](http://www.cci-online.org).

The RCIS credential is often required to work as an Invasive Cardiovascular Specialist in most Cardiac Catheterization Departments. **Therefore, the student must pass the RCIS exam to graduate from the program.**

Applicants will be considered based on the quality of their essay, as well as their background, educational, and professional experience. **The application deadline for the Invasive CVT program is MAY 1st** with formal interviews to follow. Note an estimated 50% of applicants will be interviewed. Notification of acceptance to the program will occur shortly thereafter with **commencement of the program occurring the first week of October.**

**The total cost of the Invasive Cardiovascular Technology program is \$17,000.00**, which includes the application fee, administrative duties, and books. A urine drug screening (\$65.00) application fee (\$50.00), and registry exam fee (\$350.00), are to be paid separately. Note the registry exam fee (due in July) will be reimbursed to the student after graduation from the program.

Once the candidate is notified of acceptance to the program, a deposit of \$1,500.00 is to be paid within 14 days of the dated acceptance letter; the remaining balance of \$15,500 is to be paid in full 14 days thereafter. **Note that tuition is non-refundable once submitted.**

As mentioned above, a *Urine Drug Screening* is required prior to the start of the program and is offered through Saint Francis Hospital Occupational Health Dept.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

An applicant may be accepted into the Invasive Cardiovascular Technology Program based on the following criteria:

- \$50 application fee (non-refundable)
- Resume/CV
- Two letters of reference (1 work, 1 personal)
- Educational transcripts (must be official)
- Essay (see application)
- Documentation of a cardiac cath lab observational experience

## APPLICATION ESSAY GUIDELINES

Your completed application includes a **two-page essay (double-spaced, 12 font)** about your history and future goals in the field of invasive cardiovascular technology (CVT). The following questions are provided to help you formulate your ideas. Please answer the following questions in your essay:


1. Why do you want to attend this school?
2. How did your interest in invasive cardiovascular technology develop?
3. What excites you about becoming a CVT in general?
4. How has your prior training prepared you for a career in invasive CVT?
5. What are your academic weaknesses? How have you addressed them?
6. What special qualities do you feel you possess that set you apart from other CVT school candidates?

The **application materials** can all be submitted with the link below and on the website page:

<https://www.trinityhealthofne.org/clinical-education-and-research/cardiovascular-technology-programs/cardiovascular-technology-school-application>

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. We look forward to your application!

Sincerely,



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