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Diagnostic Medical Sonography Degree Announced at RCC

Rappahannock Community College (RCC) will offer an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography with a specialization in echocardiography beginning this fall. The two-year degree program will train individuals as qualified cardiac sonographers and prepare them to take the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography leading to credentials as a Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDCS).

Harsha Sharma, DMS program head, is offering two in-person informational sessions at the Warsaw and Glens campuses lecture hall. The first will be on March 27 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm and another on April 18 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. If you can't attend in person, please email hsharma@rappahannock.edu.

During the information session, Ms. Sharma will outline the admission prerequisites, program overview and requirements, and possible career tracks upon completion of the degree, as well as answer any questions prospective students may have. Some prerequisites can be obtained during RCC's summer session that begins May 22.

"Our region has a lack of qualified, certified cardiac sonographers resulting in long wait times or travel times for those in need of echocardiograms," said Ellen Koehler, Interim Dean of Health Sciences at RCC. "Collaborating with VCU Health makes sense for RCC and healthcare providers in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula."

The program curriculum is pending approval from the State Council on Higher Education (SCHEV) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the accreditation body for Rappahannock Community College.

For more information on this program, contact RCC at (804)333-6730 or email advisor@rappahannock.edu.

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