



Cardiovascular Nurse Specialist Program

Goal: Prepare nurses with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of cardiovascularly-trained nurses and improve patient care outcomes.

Program Description: The Cardiovascular Nurse Specialty (CVNS) Program is a unique interdisciplinary program that combines didactic material and in-depth clinical experience. This Program will provide a blended-learning approach towards cardiovascular nursing specialization, with the intent of passing the certification exam for the cardiovascular specialty area.

- **Length:** 12 weeks, with a 12-hour commitment each week.
 - 4-hours of didactic sessions; 2-hours of simulation scenarios; 6-hours of practicum.
- **Cost:** \$3,750.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** Any graduate from an accredited nursing program with an active unencumbered RN License or recent graduates with a GPA of 3.5 or above and eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

Program Relevance:

- Provides a workforce pipeline for the cardiovascular specialty line of service;
- Addresses the anticipated challenges of the changing demographics of registered nurses, an aging population, and health care system reform;
- Supports both the needs of the lifelong learner and organizations as they transform to provide enhanced quality care outcomes.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- ✓ Provide safe, quality and specialized care for patients with cardiovascular disease.
- ✓ Use of evidence for clinical decision making.
- ✓ Enhanced professional confidence and competence as evidenced by passing National Certification Exam.

Arizona Heart Foundation's CVNS Program is approved by the Western Multi-State Division, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah Nurses Associations are members of the Western Multi-State Division.

129 Continuing Nursing Education contact hours.

For more information, go to: <http://azheartfoundation.org/professional-courses/cardiovascular-nurse-specialty-program/>