CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGIST

Cardiovascular Interventional Technologists (CVIT) use imaging technology to help physicians diagnose and treat cardiac and peripheral vascular ailments in patients through a variety of vascular, cardiac, and interventional procedures (such as catheterizations and angiograms). The procedures performed in Interventional Radiology and the Cardiac Cath Lab are unique in that they require the integration of technical, radiologic, and clinical skills.

CAREER DESCRIPTION*

» Typical Salary: $49,810 (NE); $55,270 (National)
» Projected job growth: 8.4% (NE); 1.4% (National)
» As imaging technology evolves, medical facilities will replace more invasive, costly procedures, which will increase the need for highly qualified technologists.

TYPICAL EDUCATION**

» Years of school (including undergraduate): 5 years
» Approximate cost (CVIT only): Pending 2019-2020 Tuition
» Average entering GPA: 3.0
» Must have graduated from a Radiography program (Bachelor’s)
» Typical-entry level education: Associate’s/Bachelor’s

NEARBY SCHOOLS

» UNMC
» Nebraska Methodist College
» Clarkson College
» Southeast Technical Institute (Sioux Falls, SD)
» University of Iowa

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

» Shadow professionals in the field
» Maintain GPA to stay competitive
» Graduate from an accredited Radiography program
» Obtain a current certification by the ARRT

WHAT PRACTICING PROFESSIONALS SAY

I enjoy being a CVIT because it involves so many specialized radiographic techniques. My career makes me feel important in that I perform so many different procedures.

-UNMC CVIT Graduate, 2018

UNMC offers a great Cardiovascular Technology program. My time here is preparing me to take on all of the different aspects and processes of what a CVIT does.

-CURRENT UNMC CVIT STUDENT

*Data and information from Bureau of Labor Statistics.
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