



Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI) Registrant Spotlight

This section spotlights a CCI registrant for his or her accomplishments and dedication to the cardiovascular profession. Submissions may be sent to Christine Johnson via email at cjohnson@cci-online.org.

Mark J. Berges, BHSc, RCS, RVS, CEHRS, CCT, PACC, FASE

Mark Berges, is the Director of the Cardiovascular Program at City College in Hollywood, Florida with eleven years of experience in the field as a cardiac and vascular sonographer. Before becoming interested in the cardiovascular field Mark worked in sales. He began his career in 2000 at Corinthian College receiving an Associate Degree on Cardiovascular Science and an Associate Degree on Echocardiography on 2003. During a period of eight years he worked in hospitals, diagnostic centers, and cardiology group offices where he enhanced his cardiac sonography knowledge and was introduced to vascular sonography. After that period, he decided to obtain a Bachelor of Health Science Degree from Nova Southeastern University. While obtaining his bachelor degree, Mark realized he wanted to dedicate himself to educating others on cardiac & vascular Sonography. He applied for a position at a medical college where they offered him a job as an externship coordinator. Being an externship coordinator gave him the opportunity to teach students before placing them in their respective clinical sites and allowed him to realize how much he enjoyed teaching and revealed a true passion he was unaware of. And the rest, asserts Berges was “destiny.”

As a Cardiovascular Sonography Program Director Mark always encourages and advises his students and other students in the field to become registered. Mark states, “It not only gives you the opportunity to work in your field, but it also gives the sonographer the recognition of their thorough knowledge and patient quality care. In my field, I currently teach cardiac and vascular sonography, so obtaining the RCS & RVS through CCI becomes a personal achievement of recognized professional standards and a devotion to their career.”

Mark volunteers in many different avenues including giving community presentations and with the American Heart Association.

Mark Berges, Director of the Cardiovascular Sonography Program at City College, Hollywood FL, has a BA in Health Science from Nova Southeastern University is a Certified Cardiovascular Technician (CCT) Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS), Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS), and Clinical Educator



through **Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI)**. In addition, he's a Registered Certified Electronic Health Record Specialist (CEHRS) through **National Healthcareer Association (NHA)** and a member of several professional associations, including the **American College of Cardiology, American Society of Echocardiography, Society of Vascular Ultrasound, Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals, Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography** and is currently a CPR Instructor for the **American Heart Association**.

Mr. Berges also currently work for **Palmetto General Hospital, Miami FL, and Mercy Hospital, Miami FL** as a Cardiovascular Ultrasound Specialist with 12 years of experience in the field. He is currently a Fellow with the **American Society of Echocardiography (FASE)** and has been nominated for the 2014 Cardiovascular Leadership/Professional Award by the **Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals** and as a Board Director for the **Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography**. ♥

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