

ESVS-Certification of Competences in Vascular Ultrasound (CCVUS),

- Basic Level –

Overview

Ultrasound has been widely implemented as an important tool in the diagnostic armamentarium of vascular clinics across Europe. The ESVS Academy has been organising basic and advanced hands-on workshops. Therefore, the ESVS Academy has proposed a certification system to certify those individuals who meet the minimum requirements to perform basic vascular ultrasound based on the curriculum of the ESVS-workshops in Barcelona and Copenhagen.

The aim of the Certificate of Competence in Vascular Ultrasound (CCVUS) is to assess basic vascular ultrasound competences and determine readiness of an operator to progress towards independent practice. Achieving an ESVS-certification in basic vascular US indicates that the experienced operator is able to demonstrate satisfactory technical skills, is able to scan without direct supervision, and has the decision-making skills to call on expert supervisors when needed.

Practical Information

Eligibility:

To apply for the CCVUS you must fulfil the following criteria:

- Be in possession of an active certification or licence in a health-related field (physician, nurse or technician).
- Present an official statement that you have performed more than 100 supervised exams equally distributed among carotid arteries, venous and arterial lower extremity and aortic Examinations signed by the Director of Vascular Lab or Head of Department of Vascular Surgery or Radiology.
- Having performed the minimum number of examinations does not guarantee passing the exam

Examination:

The Certification exam will take place during the next ESVS Annual Meeting – **26th – 29th September 2023 in Belfast.**

The exam is divided in two parts:

- First, a written exam with 50 multiple-choice questions with one correct answer per five provided responses (60 minutes).
- Second, a practical exam in which candidates will have to demonstrate their practical skills when performing two to three vascular ultrasound examinations that will be evaluated by examiners according to a standardised evaluation form (app. 10-15 minutes).

Examination Fee: 100€ (incl. VAT) Resitters for the practical part of the exam are not charged but registration is required. Please inform the office if you would like to re-sit the practical exam – info@esvs.org.

Maximum number of candidates: 20

Registration: Registration for the ESVS-Certification of Competences in Vascular Ultrasound (CCVUS) will open in April 2023.