Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the School of Cardiac Ultrasound at the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. Diagnostic cardiac sonography has developed over the past thirty years from a supplemental exam to an essential diagnostic tool. Cardiac sonographers use complex ultrasound equipment to perform a variety of echocardiographic procedures under the direction of cardiologists. Echocardiography is the most commonly used imaging procedure for the diagnosis of heart disease. Career opportunities exist in hospitals, clinics and doctor’s offices.

Cardiac sonography is an ever changing and evolving profession that is designed to attract highly motivated and enthusiastic individuals. Our program is designed to provide an excellent cardiovascular education in an environment of compassion and respect. After completion of this one year program, you will receive a certificate of completion and will have passed the national registry (CCI) exam. You will also be eligible for the ARDMS exam.

The program also offers a six-month, supplemental training program in pediatric cardiac ultrasound, which is open to certified adult cardiac sonographers.

There is no formal application form. Applicants will be considered based on the quality of an essay (required for the one-year program only), as well as their education and professional experience. The application deadline for the one-year, adult cardiac ultrasound program is March 1, with interviews to follow. Classes start in October. The deadlines for the pediatric program are May 1st for the October class and Nov. 5 for the April class.

Applications must include:
- $50 application fee
- Resume
- Two letters of reference (1 work, 1 personal)
- Transcripts (high school and college)
- Essay (Required for the one-year program only)
There is no advanced placement credit given for significant academic or clinical experience.

Tuition and books for the 12-month, full time program is $17,000.00. Financial aid is not available. Payment is required by July 1st. Tuition for the six-month pediatric program is $7,000.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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