

NEW STAFF EDUCATION

Cath Lab & Beyond

Held September 11-13, 2024,
Sacramento, California

Close to 30 cath lab nurses and radiological technologists from California and Oregon gathered in Sacramento, California, for the most recent *Cath Lab & Beyond* course, a 4-day educational program designed for staff new to the cath lab setting. This course is sponsored by the Continuing Education Consortium, which is overseen by Dignity Health.

The program has been in existence for over 30 years and was initially developed in response to an acute staffing shortage in one of the area hospital's cath labs. Through the years, the course has grown in content, instructors, and attendees. Taught by experienced cath lab and cardiology RNs and radiological technologists, topics include cardiac anatomy and physiology, hemodynamics and calculations, 12-lead ECG review, multiple cardiac disease processes, and diagnostic, interventional coronary, and structural heart interventions.

Participants in the 2024 meeting shared their experience:

"I am feeling right on track with where I need to be three months into the cath lab. I am loving it, and I am excited to be here at this conference. I am super motivated to continue learning as much

as I can and grateful for all the instructors who put this education together";

"All speakers were very knowledgeable about their craft";

"The emergency management discussion was awesome";

"I want to thank everyone for all they did to make this a wonderful learning experience. I am new to the cath lab, and we are just starting a STEMI Program. I have worked ED for long

time, so this course was amazing for me starting new. I highly recommend this 4-day class." Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, CEP #17758, for 32 contact hours. ASRT approval, 34 contact hours, Category A+.

Next year's dates are February 24-27 and September 8-11, 2025.

To learn more about the upcoming courses, contact Kristen Bond, kristen.bond@commonspirit.org ■

