VAD-C Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

What are the requirements to take the exam?

- Employed in a position that includes care for LVAD patients for a minimum of 1-year
- Place of employment is accredited in Quality and Safety and has a program that is certified (or affiliated with) in Ventricular Assist Devices by an approved Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) agency (or international v4.0 Copyright 2022 Updated November 2022; August 2022 4 equivalent), -OR- an entity that supports those organizations (with the exception of those that are solely pediatric and not able to be certified)
- Work in an applicable profession and hold licensure in the respective field or equivalent educational degree:
    - Registered Nurse (such as RN, LPN)
    - Advanced Practice Providers (such as Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant)
    - Physicians (such as MD, DO)
    - Perfusionist (such as CCP)
    - Biomedical Engineer (Bachelor's degree or above)
    - Equipment Specialist (Associates degree or above) o International Equivalent

How do I apply to take the exam?

- Go to iccac.global
- Click on the "VAD-C" Certification tab
- There will be a link to click on to submit candidacy application

How much does the exam cost?

- $375
- For those that require a **retake exam**, there is a $75 fee

How do I study for the exam?

- VAD-C Certification Exam BLUEPRINT
- Review of current durable MCS guidelines
- VAD-C Review PDF
- Study Webinar PowerPoint (PDF file for ICCAC Members only)

When will I receive my score?

- PSI (our partner in creating the exam) has determined we will need a minimum number of test takers before we can do analyses to determine the final passing scores

What if I miss my exam appointment?

- "If you fail to report for an examination, you will forfeit the registration fee and all fees paid to take the examination. A new application form and examination fee are required to apply for examination", found in VAD-C Candidate Handbook under Failing to Report For An Examination

Do I have to renew my certification?

- Certification is valid for 3 years from the date of issue on your certification paperwork
- Renewal will be either by re-examination or meeting renewal criteria listed on the VAD-C website

Who do I contact if I have questions?

- For any questions pertaining to the exam (e.g., scheduled exams or issues related to scheduling an exam), please contact PSI Candidate Call Center: 1-800-211-2754
- For questions related to the candidacy application, please contact VAD-C Board at VAD-CB@iccac.global