

**Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program**  
(Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology, Echocardiography Technology, Vascular Technology)  
**Most frequently asked questions**

**1. How long does it take to complete the program?**

The Associate in Applied Science degree program is two full years after acceptance into the program. This means a total of 6 semesters: summer-fall-spring and summer-fall-spring.

**2. What is the difference in the three concentrations?**

We offer three different concentrations:

Students in **Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology** study the diagnostic ultrasound techniques and pathology related to OB/GYN, abdomen, and superficial structures including thyroids, testicles, prostates, and breasts.

Students in **Echocardiography Technology** study the diagnostic ultrasound techniques and pathology related to the human heart.

Students in **Vascular Technology** study the diagnostic ultrasound techniques and pathology related to the arteries and veins of the body.

**3. Do I need to decide on one concentration?**

Yes. Students applying to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program (DMS, ECH and VAS) will have the choice of three concentrations (DMS, ECH, and VAS) and will be academically ranked together. At the time of Mandatory Program Admission Session (MPAS), these applicants will be asked to indicate their preference of concentration on a first, second, and third choice basis. The final choice of concentration will be based on applicant's academic ranking with consideration to preference until seats in all three concentrations are filled. Once accepted into a concentration, the student must complete that learning concentration.

**4. Is it a full time program?**

The first year of the program can be part time (< 12 credit hours/semester) depending on the number of supporting courses student has taken. Supporting courses are those with bold print on the curriculum course sequence sheet.

It is full-time during the second year when the clinical internship starts.

**5. What are the program pre-requisites?**

CHM 110 – General Chemistry is a pre-requisite course. This course must be completed with a grade of “C” or better before starting the program in May.

RDG 120 – Critical Reading and Thinking is a required course for graduation. Some students may be able to test out.

**6. Do you have a waiting list?**

No, we do not maintain a waiting list. Every year all applicants are evaluated based on the admission criteria and applicants are ranked according to their overall GPA, math/science GPA, and the number of supporting courses applicants have taken.

**7. What is the employment rate and salary range for your graduates?**

Our graduate employment rate is 100% within 3 months of graduation so far. Results are based on statistics up to class of 2008. Salaries range from approximately \$22-27 per hour for recent graduates.

**8. Do you offer evening classes?**

Supporting classes have various schedules from day time to evening or weekends. Most of the technology classes are day-time hours. Students need to be flexible in order to stay on track since each technology class is only offered once a year.