

# **Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program**

## **FAQ**

### **When does the DMS program begin?**

The DMS program begins once a year starting in the fall semester.

### **How long is the program?**

The program is a 21-month associate degree program.

### **Where are the clinical sites located?**

Clinical sites vary each year due to hospital/clinic availability. Most clinical sites are within a one hour to 90-minute drive from the BGSU Firelands College. Students must provide their own transportation to and from clinical sites.

### **How often do students attend their clinical site?**

The students are at their clinical site one day per week during spring semesters of their first year. Students are at their clinical sites three (24 hours) a week their remaining semesters in the program. Clinical rotation days and times may vary.

### **What are the prerequisite requirements to get into the sonography program?**

English WRIT 1120

Mathematics MATH 1220, or 1150, or STAT 2000

Medical Terminology AHS 3010 or AHTH 1100

Human Anatomy and Physiology BIOL 3310 **AND** BIOL 3320 (preferred) or AHTH 1310

Physics: RADT 1410(Rad. Tech students) or PHYS 1010 or 2010

## **Can I select my clinical sites?**

Clinical sites are assigned by the clinical coordinator and not selected by students.

## **What are the steps to apply?**

First apply to BGSU Firelands. Begin completing the prerequisites requirements. If you have course work at another institution, determine through admissions what previous courses will transfer. **BEGIN THIS PROCESS EARLY TO ALLOW ENOUGH TIME TO PROCESS.**

Complete the DMS application before the deadline. Courses may be in progress but must be completed before program begins in the fall. Preference is given to students with all prerequisites completed.

Complete a four- to eight-hour job shadow of a sonography department. Complete the clinical observation form (obtained from Program Director) and turn in with application.

Completion of an on-campus program meeting or online program meeting on department webpage. Documentation required from meeting.

## **When should I apply for the sonography program?**

Applications are accepted in spring semester. PLEASE SEE WEBPAGE FOR CURRENT DEADLINE DATE.

## **How are students selected?**

Admission to the program is highly competitive. Students are ranked on overall GPA, core course GPA, interview, references, and courses completed. The top ranked students are invited for an interview in spring. The class is then selected for the following fall.

## **How many students are selected?**

Class size may vary year-to-year based on the availability of clinical affiliations and seats. Currently we select eight students.

## **Can I work while I am a student in the program?**

Working during the program may be difficult. The program is academically intense and the amount of time a sonography student must spend in the program and study time is significant.

You should plan for your financial situation. The number of absences allowed is extremely low. It is also especially important to have reliable and dependable transportation to and from clinical rotations.

**If I have other questions, who should I contact?**

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