Diagnostic Medical Imaging Sonography
Associate Degree Program

FALL 2019 ADMISSION
NOTE: The DMIS Program is undergoing revisions.
Please monitor this program admission packet for updates and/or modifications.

Application Deadline – May 14, 2019 by 5pm
www.cod.edu/sonography

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Note: Please see specific program registration or admission packets for detailed information on when to begin completing health requirements, drug tests, CPR, criminal background checks and proof of insurance submission. Timing varies depending upon either entrance to or participation in the clinical component of a given program. Funds paid to Edward Corporate Health or to a personal health care provider/ source, CastleBranch.com, insurance companies, and funds used towards CPR completion are not eligible for any sort of refund from College of DuPage if the required course(s) are not successfully completed.

Students are not accepted into this program until they receive official acceptance letters from the College of DuPage Admissions Office.
ASSOCIATE IN SONOGRAPHY (AAS – DMIS)

Program Information Disclaimer

This program information is published for that purpose only; however, the information in this packet is not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between the student and the program. The program reserves the right to change, at any time, without notice, graduation requirements, fees, and other charges, curriculum, course structure and content, and other such matters as may be within its control, not with-standing any information set forth in this program information packet in accordance with College of DuPage policies and procedures. Students are not accepted into this program until they receive and respond to an official acceptance letter from the College of DuPage Office of Admissions & Outreach.

Program Admission Preference

Preference in admission is given to residents of District 502 who meet the stated minimum acceptance criteria for the program. Priority for admissions are a) In-district applicants; b) Out-of-district applicants working full-time in-district (proof of in-district employment will be required each semester); and c) Out-of-district applicants including those students with a joint or chargeback agreement and International students.

Program Description/Introduction

Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound) is a clinical discipline involving the use of equipment that produces high-frequency sound waves that create images for medical interpretation and diagnosis by a Radiologist. The Sonography Degree Program is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in Sonography. Admission requirements are outlined in this packet. To be considered for Fall 2018 admission, all application materials must be received by the application deadline. NOTE: All pre-requisite and general education courses must be completed by the end of the Spring semester that is prior to program start in the Fall.

Mission Statement

The primary goal of the Diagnostic Medical Imaging in Sonography (DMIS) Associate Degree Program is to provide students with didactic, laboratory, and clinical education in preparation for a health career as a Diagnostic Medical Imaging Sonographer. The graduate will demonstrate competency to meet certification requirements, deliver compassionate patient care, and function as an integral member of the health care team with competence and confidence. Program policies and procedures have been designed to meet or exceed those established by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon recommendation by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS).

Program Goals

1. “To prepare competent entry-level general sonographers in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.”
2. “To prepare competent entry-level vascular technologists in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.”
3. Educate competent and compassionate sonographers capable of functioning as an entry level Sonographer within 24 months
4. Provide a comprehensive competency-based curriculum
5. Prepare the student to think and act independently
6. Prepare the student for entry into the ever-changing sonography work environment
7. Prepare the student to achieve a satisfactory result on the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) board exams for Obstetrics/Gynecology, Abdomen/Superficial Structures, Physics Instrumentation (SPI) & Vascular Technology (RVT)
8. Provide comprehensive student education to aid in student retention, course, and program completion
Academic Success in the AAS Sonography Degree Program

All students enrolled in the Sonography program must maintain a minimum of “C” or better in all DMIS courses in order to continue in the program. Receiving a “D” or “F” in any DMIS course will terminate the student’s continuation in the program. Students requesting readmission will need to re-apply and are evaluated based upon the then current application requirements and ranked with all other applicants.

Upon successful completion of the program, the student is awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree from College of DuPage. Sixty days prior to graduation, students become eligible to take the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) examinations in Physics (SPI), Obstetrics/Gynecology, Abdomen/Superficial Structures, and Vascular Technology. Students who successfully pass the Physics (SPI) examination as well as a corresponding specialty examination (Obstetrics/Gynecology, or Abdomen/Superficial Structures) will receive the national credential of Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS). Students who successfully complete the SPI examination and the Vascular Technology examination will earn the credential Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT).

Statement of Health

Prior to starting clinicals, all students in the AAS Sonography Degree Program will need to complete health requirements, a drug screen, background check, and complete the medical document manager requirement. You will be informed by the Program Coordinator when you will need to complete your health requirements. Please do not complete these requirements until you are instructed to do so. The Health Requirements packet is available on the Health Sciences Admissions and the Diagnostic Medical Imaging Sonography webpages. Some clinical affiliates require further testing, which is the responsibility of the student.

Students with chronic medical conditions and physical limitations are required to submit documentation of current health status relating to their specific condition. The statement should include the physician’s assessment as to the student’s ability to meet the program objectives and standard skills in sonography, and the current medications the student is required to take for health maintenance.

Statement on Medical Care and Health Insurance

Students are responsible for their own medical care and health insurance while in the program. Students must possess health care insurance in order to train at the clinical affiliate. The student is responsible for any costs that may be incurred related to personal injuries he/she may acquire while performing activities at the clinical affiliate. The affiliating clinical facility and/or College of DuPage cannot be held liable for such injuries. Please visit the Center for Access and Accommodation website for additional details.

Students are required to provide evidence of current health insurance coverage. Please follow specific guidelines as instructed for submitting proof of insurance.

Statement on Medical Malpractice Insurance

Malpractice insurance is required and is included in the clinical education tuition costs on an annual basis. That is, the cost of the insurance is included with the tuition costs for DMIS 1112 and DMIS 2212. Students must be officially registered and listed on the instructor's class roster to be covered by the malpractice insurance.

Statement on Drug Testing/Criminal Background Check

A drug test and Criminal Background Check are required prior to starting a clinical rotation in the Sonography program. Several clinical affiliates also require fingerprinting. The costs of these requirements are the responsibility of the student. You will be informed by the Program Coordinator when you will need to complete these requirements. Please do not complete them until instructed to do so.
Criminal Background Check Information

All health care workers and student health care workers are required to undergo a criminal background check in order to work in a clinical setting. A student with a positive background check containing disqualifying conditions as defined by Federal and State law will not be allowed to enter the clinical portion of the program. A student with a positive background check containing disqualifying conditions as defined by Illinois State Law (225ILCS46/25) and 77 Ill Adm. Code 955 Section 955.160 will not be allowed to enter the clinical portion of this program, thus preventing the student from obtaining mandated certification and/or licensure.

NOTE: You may have been convicted and not sent to jail. People are often fined or given probation or conditional discharge rather than jail time, but these are still considered convictions. If you are unsure as to whether an arrest resulted in a conviction, contact the county in which you were arrested and speak to a representative in the Circuit Clerk’s office, State’s Attorney’s office or your attorney.

Transportation

Students are required to provide their own reliable transportation to the college and clinical sites. Public transportation is not an option since many clinical sites are more than an hour away from the college. Clinical placements are assigned by the Clinical Coordinator to meet the needs of all students and the program. Students cannot select clinical sites. Any parking fees and/or tolls are the responsibility of the student. Clinical sites can be over 100 miles from College of DuPage.

Standard Skills in Sonography

To participate in the clinical education portion of the Sonography program, the applicant must possess additional non-academic skills. These technical standards are consistent with the duties of an entry-level sonographer in a professional position. The applicant must have the ability to:

- Lift and carry 30 pounds of weight
- Lift and transfer patients to and from wheelchairs, stretchers, beds, and imaging tables
- Move, adjust, and manipulate equipment to perform imaging studies
- Position patients for exams
- Respond appropriately to sounds such as the patient’s voice and movements at a normal conversational volume
- Review and evaluate recorded real-time images to determine the quality of the image, as well as demonstrate visual accuracy in differentiating among subtle shades of grays used in Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Respond appropriately to equipment signals such as sound and light
- Manipulate the necessary hospital equipment for patient care and patient imaging, such as dials, switches, push buttons, and keyboards
- Stand and perform exams for a prolonged period without breaks in a typical shift of eight to twelve hours
- Fluent communication in the English language to function effectively in the program and at clinical sites
- Position a transducer device in a back and forth manner while maintaining balance
- Communicate orally and in writing with patients, physicians, and other personnel; clearly and effectively
- Be able to follow verbal and written directions

Statement on Clinical Education

The purpose of clinical education is to allow the student to apply the theoretical principles of the didactic portion of the program. Students may be required to rotate through multiple clinical education centers. Students will not replace members of the affiliated clinical staff; they will have the status of students. Typically, students are not paid for clinical hours.
Please be advised that the AAS Sonography Degree Program follows a rigorous curriculum requiring serious student memorization, practical application of theory, coursework, and transportation to/from class and clinicals. It is a full-time program. Taking personal time off (i.e. vacations) outside scheduled breaks is not permitted and will affect program continuation.

Non-Discrimination Statement

The College prohibits discrimination in its admissions, employment, and educational programs or activities on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, national origin, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, arrest record, military status or unfavorable military discharge, citizenship status, and physical or mental disability. The College will protect an individual’s right to express their viewpoint or opinion, so long as it does not violate State or Federal law and is not detrimental to the College.

This Policy against discrimination applies throughout all College environments, whether on campus, at work assignments off campus, at College-sponsored social functions, or otherwise.

Procedures to facilitate the College’s prohibition of discrimination will be promulgated consistent with the Policy. (Board Policy 20-5).

Student Email Policy

College of DuPage will send all official communications to you through your official COD email (dupage.edu). You will no longer be able to use a preferred email account. You do have the option to forward these communications to a personal email account if you wish.

Check your COD email weekly for important information like:

- Official COD communications
- Possible DMIS Application Material Inquiries
- Possible DMIS Applicant Interview Appointment Invitation
- Financial aid communications
- Petition to graduate
- Transfer credit evaluation
- Prerequisite proof Sensitive
- FERPA-related communications
- Transcript order
- Important messages from instructors

For more information on the student email policy go to: http://www.cod.edu/academics/email.aspx

Citizenship/Visa Status

If you are not a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S., and if you have any questions or concerns regarding your eligibility to participate in health sciences programs, please contact the International Student Office, SSC 2225, (630) 942-3328, e-mail: intlstdt@cod.edu.

Qualified applicants will be considered out-of-district in the admissions ranking process if they are not a:
- U.S. citizens
- Permanent residents
Application Materials Checklist

NOTE: Admission Committees for Health Science programs have the right to deny admission to any applicant that they feel is unable to fulfill the essential functions as described in this packet.

*It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all application requirements have been completed and received by the designated office, by the application deadline.

To be considered for admission into the Sonography Program, an applicant must:

_____ 1. Register to attend a mandatory Sonography Advising Session. It is required that an applicant attend an advising session within a 12 month period prior to the application deadline. A Photo ID is required for attendance at advising sessions.

_____ 2. If you have not been admitted to College of DuPage, please complete the non-refundable $20 College of DuPage General Admissions Application online. This application is for general admissions to College of DuPage only; it is not an application to the Health Sciences Limited Enrollment Sonography Degree program.

_____ 3. To ensure that all of your eligible credits are evaluated towards the admission requirements, turn in ALL official Transcripts from institutions that you have attended. Immediately:

a. Submit your official transcript(s) to College of DuPage, Office of Student Records. If College of DuPage is the only institution you have attended, you do not need to request official transcripts.

b. Verify receipt of your transcript(s). Log into myACCESS account, click on ‘myACCESS for Students’, select ‘My Profile’. The receipt status of your transcript will be listed under ‘Transcript Institutions’.

NOTE: If you have an international transcript from high school or college, it must first be evaluated. Please visit the following website http://cod.edu/registration/records/trans_eval_listing.aspx for details.

_____ 4. Complete the non-refundable $50 Health Sciences Limited Enrollment Program Application online. Once term is selected and application submitted, you may not change the term or program.

- Select Fall 2019 in “I plan to start”

- Select Sonography Degree when asked “What Health Sciences Limited Enrollment program are you applying for?”

If you do not have a credit card, you can purchase a prepaid credit card from your local retailer
5. Complete the College of DuPage Residency Verification form and provide 2 proofs of residency to the Office of Student Registration Services, Student Services Center (SSC) Room 2221 by the program application deadline date.

Note:
- If this residency requirement has not been submitted to Registration by the program application deadline date, you will not be considered for admission.
- Separate Residency Verification Forms must be submitted for each program application.

6. Schedule an appointment with a Health Program Advisor by calling 630-942-2259. The Health Program Advisor will develop an Academic Plan to ensure you complete all prerequisites in the correct order. Please be sure to discuss other application requirements during this appointment

   * Please see page 9 for listing of required minimum core courses.

   o NOTE: All prerequisite and general education courses must be completed by the end of Spring 2019 semester, preceding Fall 2019 admission.

7. Provide documentation of experience working with patients in a healthcare setting (if you have relevant experience) or provide proof of experience working directly with others. Letter provided must be on company letterhead stating that a minimum of 20 hours were completed, within the last 3 years. (The Service Learning Placement project in DMIS 1110 does not count for this requirement). Please e-mail to hsmartmissions@cod.edu or submit to the Office of Admissions & Outreach, SSC 2207.

8. Take the PSB-Health Occupation Aptitude Exam (PSB-HOAE) in the College of DuPage Testing Office prior to the application deadline. Visit the Testing Office webpage for information, test dates, and registration information or www.psbtests.com for sample questions. We look at the following 4 sections (out of the 8): Natural Sciences, Arithmetic, Reading and Verbal. A score of 25% or higher must be obtained on the Verbal portion of the exam to be considered for admission. See below for scoring criteria. When applying to the health science programs at the College of DuPage, the PSB-HOAE exam can be taken a maximum of 2 times in the application cycle you wish to apply, with a 30-day interval in-between the two exams. Exams must be within the last 5 years (5/14/14 - 5/14/19).

   PSB-HOAE Score:

   8 Total Units (4 sections are scored for the Sonography Program)

   Natural Sciences, Arithmetic, Verbal, and Reading
   Score > 75% = 2 points on merit evaluation
   Score 50-74% = 1 point on merit evaluation
   Score < 50% = 0 points on merit evaluation

   In summary, you should aim to get >75% in all 4 sections mentioned above. The percentages are located on the left hand column of your results form. A score of 25% or higher must be obtained on the Verbal portion of the exam to be considered for admission. Only scores from the most current exam will be used for the merit score.

9. Submit three (3) Recommendation Forms (pages 11-12), from individuals who can attest to the applicant’s work and/or academic ability. Forms completed by friends or relatives of the applicant are unacceptable. The enclosed form must be used according to the instructions on the form.

   Submit to the Office of Admissions & Outreach, SSC 2207.

   1. One copy of the form must be completed by one of the applicant’s college-level instructors
   2. One copy of the form must be completed by an employer or Clinical Instructor
   3. A third copy of the form may be completed by an additional college-level instructor or an employer/manager/supervisor of the applicant.

10. You will be contacted via COD email by the Sonography Admissions Committee for an interview after all of your application material has been submitted. Interviews are not handled by the Office of Admissions and Outreach. Interviews start in April/May. It is the applicant’s responsibility to
monitor their COD email for communications from the college during the application period.

“All application documents delivered to the College of DuPage pertaining to a health sciences admissions file become the property of the College of DuPage and will not be returned to the applicant. This includes but is not limited to transcripts, letters of recommendation, clinical evaluation forms or outside test reports.” *Applicants interested in re-applying will need to start over and resubmit all application items during the new application cycle. COD does not save application materials.

Admissions Process

The AAS Sonography Degree Program can admit only a limited number of students. The number of students selected is determined by the current availability of clinical sites and may vary from year to year. An Admissions Committee, consisting of DMIS faculty will oversee the selection process using a Merit Evaluation based upon admission requirements. **Students are admitted to the program according to Merit Evaluation scores and residency. Admission to the program is not a guarantee of completion of the program nor does it guarantee employment upon graduation.**

Priority for Admission:
   a. In-District applicants
   b. Out-of-District applicants working full-time in-district (proof of in-district employment will be required each semester)
   c. Out-of-District applicants including those students with a joint or chargeback agreement and International students

Letters of decision (accept, decline, alternate) are mailed to each applicant approximately 6-8 weeks following the application deadline. Accepted applicants must confirm their desire to accept in writing (on a provided form) within a two-week period. If no response is received, the next qualified student on the alternate list, according to Merit Evaluation rank order, will be offered acceptance into the program. Students re-applying are advised to contact a Sonography faculty member to review their file early to see if they can improve their score in any way.

Requests for admission do not automatically carry over to the following cycle. Applicants who were not accepted for the cycle in which they originally applied are asked to pay the $50 non-refundable Health Science application fee and submit any/all supporting documents as listed on the Admissions Checklist of the Application Packet requirements (if applicable).
GENERAL EDUCATION CORE

The DMIS Degree Program includes a minimum general education core curriculum that must be completed according to the academic plan created by the Health Science Advisor(s). Anatomy & Physiology 1552/1572 or equivalent and Biomedical Terminology must be completed within 5 years of the application deadline (5/14/14 - 5/14/19).

The required **minimum** core courses are as follows:

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<td>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</td>
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*Prerequisite: A&P 1551 or 1571 with a grade of ‘B’ or higher

*A&P 1552 or 1572 must be completed within 5 years of the application deadline (5/14/14 – 5/14/19).

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<td>PSYCH 1100</td>
<td>General Psychology</td>
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<td>HLTHS 1110*</td>
<td>Biomedical Terminology</td>
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<td>DMIS 1110</td>
<td>Basic Patient Care Skills for Sonographers</td>
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<td>DMIS 1105</td>
<td>Intro to Pathophysiology for Sonographers</td>
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Diagnostic Medical Imaging Sonography Associate Degree
Merit Evaluation
(Subject to Change)
For your reference only; admissions committee completes this form. Do not fill out and submit

NAME: ___________________ Student ID: ______________ DATE: ______________

Math 1120 (Scale C) ______
OR
Algebra/Statistics/or higher AND Gen. Physics or Radiographic Physics (Scale A) ______ & ______

Anatomy and Physiology 1552 or 1572 (Scale A) ______
Must be completed within 5 years of application deadline (5/14/13-5/14/18)

DMIS 1105 Pathophysiology (Scale A) ______
DMIS 1110 Basic Patient Care (Scale A) ______
HLTHS 1110 (Scale A) ______
Must be completed within 5 years of application deadline (5/14/13-5/14/18)

Recommendation Form 1 (academic) (Scale B) ______
Recommendation Form 2 (employer) (Scale B) ______
Recommendation Form 3 (Scale B) ______

PSB-HOAE Score – 8 Total Points (4 Sections Considered) ______

Scores will be taken from the most current exam only

Natural Sciences, Arithmetic, Verbal, and Reading

Score >75% = 2 point
Score 50-74% = 1 point
Score <50% = 0 points

Interview – up to 24 points possible ______
Must score 19 out of 24 to be eligible

Total Points ______

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**College of DuPage Sonography AAS Degree Program**  
**Student Recommendation Form**  
(Must be received by the Admissions Department prior to May 14th 2019 at 5pm)

**Section A: Must Be Completed By Applicant**

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________

Street Address: ____________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ___________ Zip Code: ____________

Applicant’s E-mail Address: _________________________________

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (PL 93-380) allows a candidate to waive his/her rights of access to recommendations written on his/her behalf if the recommendation is used solely for the purpose of admission. You are not required to waive access. Under the legislation, you have the option of signing a waiver.

Check one and sign:  

_____ I waive my right of access to this recommendation  

_____ I do not waive my right of access to this recommendation

Applicant’s Signature: ____________________________________________

*Note to Applicant: Please provide the evaluator with an envelope addressed to the College of DuPage Office of Admissions & Outreach. The evaluator will mail the form directly to the College of DuPage.

**Section B: Must be completed by applicant’s instructor or employer. Please proceed only if Section A has been completed and signed by the applicant.**

The above individual is applying for admission to the Diagnostic Medical Imaging Sonography Advanced Certificate Program. The DMIS program requires the completion of **three (3) recommendation forms**. One (1) must be completed by a college-level instructor of the applicant, one (1) must be completed by an employer/manager/supervisor, and the remaining form (1) may be completed by either an additional college-level instructor OR an employer/manager/supervisor of the applicant. **Recommendation forms completed by friends or relatives of the applicant are unacceptable.** Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics by checking the appropriate boxes.

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How long have you known the applicant?

What is your relationship to the applicant? (i.e. instructor, clinical supervisor)

How well do you know the applicant? (Please check one)

_____ very well
_____ fairly well
_____ not very well

What do you feel are the applicant’s strengths?

What do you feel are the applicant’s weaknesses?

Summary of Recommendation (please check one)

_____ Recommend as outstanding
_____ Recommend very highly
_____ Recommend
_____ Recommend with reservation
_____ Do not recommend

Name of person completing this form: ______________________________ Date: ____________

Signature: ______________________________

Title: ______________________________

Institution or Facility: ________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________________

Please place the completed form in an envelope, seal the envelope, sign your name across the seal and mail to:

College of DuPage Office of Admissions & Outreach
SSC 2207
425 Fawell Blvd.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-6599

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