



DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY ADVISING FACT SHEET

Jackson Community College has compiled this information to assist you as you are preparing for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Programs in either: General Sonography; Vascular Sonography; or Cardiac Sonography. Please review this information then acknowledge receipt of this fact sheet by signing and returning page 3 to Student Services at Jackson Community College.

Apply to JCC

- Your first step in the process is to complete a JCC admission application. Even if you are taking pre-requisite courses at another school it is necessary that you complete JCC's application process as soon as possible. This will list you as a prospective DMS candidate.
- You are encouraged to consult with a JCC Academic Advisor throughout your preadmission program. Contact Advisor at (517) 796-8425.
- You must submit the acknowledge receipt of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Advising Fact Sheet to Student Services. The acknowledge receipt is a prerequisite document to register for DMS 104.

Apply to the Sonography Program(s)

- DMS programs are online second admission programs. This means that there is no guarantee that if you finish all pre-requisite requirements that you will be admitted into the program. You are competing against many other students vying for a limited number of annual program slots.
- The sonography programs, General, Vascular, and Cardiac, accept new students one time a year. The General and Vascular applications are due annually on January 31st of each year for the May entry. The Cardiac applications are due annually on August 31st and admit new students in January of each year. Please contact the Allied Health office at (517) 768-7007 for details on the various application processes. Program applications may be obtained from the JCC website at www.jccmi.edu/healthcareers.
- Both the General and Vascular Sonography Programs is a 15 month program that begins in May of each year and finishes on July 31st of the following year. The Cardiac Sonography Program is a 12 month program that begins in January of each year and ends in December of that same year.

Complete pre-requisites

- If you are transferring pre-requisite and general education credits from different colleges/universities you need to be aware that taking a course such as Human Anatomy & Physiology does not guarantee that this class will transfer in as an equivalent at JCC. Please contact the JCC transcript evaluator at (517)796-8140 for more information on course equivalencies and the transferability of courses.

- All of the pre-requisite courses are offered online. It is important to note that JCC's online Biology courses (Human Biology and Human Anatomy & Physiology) requires coming to the JCC campus to attend scheduled lab days during the academic semester. If you are unable to come to campus to complete the biology labs it is possible for you to complete a Human Biology or Human Anatomy & Physiology course at a local College or University; however, you must speak with an advisor to confirm that the course will transfer to JCC.
- It is required that you have all General Education and Allied Health Core pre-requisite courses completed prior to acceptance into a sonography program. BIO 132 or BIO 155 or BIO 253 & BIO 254, HOC 130 and MOA 120 require a 3.0 or better for admission. You must have MTH 131, BIO 132 or BIO 155 or BIO 253, and signed and submitted the DMS Fact Sheet Acknowledgement Receipt prior to taking DMS 104.

Understanding the Acceptance Process

- There is no waiting list for these programs. You must reapply each year if you are not accepted into the program after your first application.
- High grades, related allied health experience, good interviewing skills, and job shadowing experiences positively influences your chances to secure a spot in the program. **NOTE: JCC does not assist in finding job shadowing opportunities.**
- There are approximately 25 seats available annually within each program; however, the actual number of students accepted into the sonography programs is determined by how many clinical sites are available to host JCC students. Most clinical sites are a 1:1 student to clinical site ratio. A list of the locations of the clinical site is listed on JCC's website.
- The General, Vascular and Cardiac Sonography Programs are full-time academic programs. Holding a full-time job is strongly discouraged because of the rigors of the academic and clinical requirements. Students will be expected to attend their clinical education sites between 24 to 32 hours each week while in the program.
- Students may be required to complete a criminal background check and drug screen. Failure to pass may prevent admission into a sonography program. Some convictions may result in the student being ineligible to sit for the ARDMS exam. It is the student's responsibility to verify eligibility directly with ARDMS.
- Participation of clinical sites varies each year. While JCC uses its best efforts to negotiate clinical sites, even after they become available they can become unavailable for reasons beyond the control of JCC and in that event JCC has no liability. The Allied Health Office makes every attempt to secure and assign students to clinical sites based on the student's preferences regarding commuting and/or relocation. However, it is not always possible to secure a site within commuting distance therefore students who are open to relocating improve their chances of getting into the program **You are encouraged to view the clinical site information on JCC's website or contact the Allied Health Office regarding clinical site questions.**

- If there are approved accredited sonography programs currently in your area it may be challenging for JCC to secure a clinical site in this area. A listing of accredited sonography programs can be viewed on the CAAHEP website at www.caahep.org.
- If you have a hospital or ultrasound lab who is interested in hosting you as a student for one of JCC's Sonography Programs, please visit JCC's website at www.jccmi.edu/healthcareers/alliedhealth/sonography/index.htm for additional direction about this process.
- The General, Vascular and Cardiac Sonography clinicals are unpaid educational experiences.

If you have any questions please contact the Allied Health Office at (517) 768-7007.



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Acknowledgement Receipt

I have read the “Diagnostic Medical Sonography Advising Fact Sheet”.

I understand:

- I must continue to work with my academic advisor at Jackson Community College while I complete my pre-requisite coursework.
- I am required to have all General Education and Allied Health Care pre-requisite courses completed before I may be considered for a sonography program.
- Completing all General Education and Allied Health Care pre-requisite courses does not guarantee me acceptance into a sonography program.
- I must submit my program application by the due date of: **Cardiac-August 31st; General-January 31st; Vascular-January 31st.**
- Failure to pass a criminal background check and drug screen may prevent admission into a sonography program.
- Participation of clinical sites may vary each year.
- The sonography clinicals are unpaid educational experiences.

Once you have reviewed this information sign below and return this page to Student Services (Bert Walker Building, Room 100 or fax to 517-796-8446).

The complete DMS Advising Fact Sheet is located on Jackson Community College’s website at www.jccmi.edu/healthcareers/alliedhealth/sonography.

Print student name

JCC Student I.D. Number

Signature

Date