



Allied Health Fact Sheet for Diagnostic Medical Sonography Clinical Sites

Jackson College offers Associate in Applied Science degrees in the specialty areas of **Cardiac Sonography**, **General Sonography**, and **Vascular Sonography**. All student applicants are required to complete the prerequisite requirements prior to acceptance to a sonography program. The curriculum consists of integrated educational and clinical course work in which a student will complete between 1,040 to 1,500 supervised clinical hours in an approved clinical education center.

- a) **Cardiac Sonography** clinical hours are 1,136 and are obtained from mid-March to December (9.5 months) between 24 to 32 hours per week.
- b) **General Sonography** clinical hours are 1,350 and are obtained from mid August to August (12 months) 32 hours per week.
- c) **Vascular Sonography** clinical hours are 1,040 and are obtained from mid October to December (13.5 months) between 24 to 32 hours per week.

Jackson College is unique in that it offers its didactic courses online via the Michigan Virtual University or directly through JC and has met requirements of North Central Regional Accreditation specific to online programs and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. If your facility is willing to host a JC student for a sonography program please contact the Allied Health Office at (517) 768-7007 or visit our website at www.jccmi.edu.

Clinical Instructor's Responsibilities: To facilitate learning, provide and explain the necessary clinical preparation for each student to understand, and mentor the student throughout the clinical course work study.

The accreditation requirements of the clinical site:

1. A case load of procedures **per year** with diverse studies being conducted:
 - **Cardiac Sonography** – 800 scans per year
 - **General Sonography** - 1,500 scans per year (approximately 30% abdominal scans, 30% OB/GYN scans)
 - **Vascular Sonography** - 1,000 scans per year
2. An affiliation agreement with supporting documents that include: proof of accreditation (e.g. JACHO, etc.) clinical characteristics, and curriculum vitae for the designated clinical instructor. This instructor must hold ARDMS credentials (for vascular and cardiac CCI is also accepted) in the area of instruction. For general sonography a site may have 2 clinical instructors: 1 for abdomen and 1 for OB/GYN if this site does not have a sonographer who is dual credentialed. A clinical instructor must be identified for each clinical affiliate/clinical education center. A clinical instructor must be available to students whenever he or she is assigned to a clinical setting, provide appropriate clinical supervision, and be responsible for student clinical evaluations.
3. Students who reside within 200 miles of the Jackson campus attend an on-campus scan lab the first 8-12 weeks of their program prior to the beginning of their clinical rotation. Occasionally, our more distant clinical sites require their student to attend this scan lab before they begin their clinical education. If this is a requirement of acceptance of a geographically distant sonography student, please let us know so that arrangements and accommodations can be firmed prior to the student's acceptance into a sonography program.