



CARDIAC SONOGRAPHY ADVISING FACT SHEET

Jackson College has compiled this information to assist you as you are preparing for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Programs in Cardiac Sonography. Please review this information then acknowledge receipt of this fact sheet by signing and returning page 4 to Student Services at Jackson College.

Apply to Jackson College

Your first step in the process is to complete a Jackson College admission application, even if you are taking pre-requisite courses at another school, it is necessary that you complete Jackson College's application process as soon as possible. This will list you as a prospective Cardiac Sonography candidate.

You are encouraged to consult with a Jackson College student navigator throughout your preadmission program. Contact Admissions at (517) 796-8425

You must submit the acknowledged receipt of the Cardiac Sonography Advising Fact Sheet to Student Services. The acknowledge receipt is a prerequisite document to register for DMS 104.

Apply to the Cardiac Sonography Program(s)

DMS programs are hybrid 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 clinical site positions.

The Cardiac Sonography accept new students one time per year. The Cardiac applications are due annually on August 15th of each year for a January entry. Please contact the Allied Health office at (517) 768-7007 for details on the various application processes.

Admission process can be found on the Jackson College website:

Cardiac Sonography: www.jccmi.edu/cardiac-sonography/admission-process/

The Cardiac Sonography Program is a three (3) semester program that begins in January of each year and ends in December of that same year.

Complete pre-requisites

All of the pre-requisite courses are offered online. 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, for example, does not guarantee that this class will transfer in as an equivalent at Jackson College. Please contact the Jackson College transcript evaluator at (517)796- 8140 for more information on course equivalencies and the transferability of courses.

It is required that you have all General Education and Allied Health Core pre-requisite courses completed prior to acceptance into the Cardiac Sonography program. You must have MAT 130 and a signed and submitted Cardiac Sonography Advising Fact Sheet Acknowledgement Receipt prior to taking DMS 104.

Required prerequisite courses - a minimum grade of 3.0 in the following:
HOC 130; MOA 120

Required prerequisite courses - a minimum grade of 2.5 in the following:
BIO 132; or BIO 253 & BIO 254

Required General Education and Pre-Requisite course – a minimum of 2.0 in the following:
ENG 131; MAT 130; PSY 140; GEO 6 **; PHY 145 or PHY 131; COM 250; DMS 100; DMS 104

GEO 6** (choose one of the following: ART 111, ART 112, ENG 210, ENG 242, ENG 246, ENG 247, ENG 249, ENG 252, ENG 254, ENG 255, ENG 256, ENG 257, HUM 131, MUS 131, MUS 132, PHL 231, THR 116)

Additional Cardiac Sonography Program Information

There is no waiting list for the Cardiac Sonography program. You must reapply each year if you are not accepted into the program after your first application.

High grades, related allied health experience and good interviewing skills positively influence your chances to secure a spot in the program.

The number of students accepted into the Cardiac Sonography program is determined by how many clinical sites are available to host Jackson College students.

The Cardiac Sonography Program is a highly demanding academic program. Holding a job is strongly discouraged because of the rigors of the academic and clinical requirements. Students will be expected to attend their clinical education sites 32 hours each week in addition to didactic requirements while in the program.

Students will be required to complete a criminal background check and drug screen. An offer of admission can be withdrawn based on the results of the student's criminal background check and/or a positive drug screen. Admission into Jackson College's program does not guarantee a student's eligibility to sit for the ARDMS exam. It is the student's responsibility to verify eligibility directly with ARDMS.

Jackson College Program Director and Clinical Coordinator in collaboration with current, approved clinical sites, determine which clinical sites are available annually and how many open placements will be for the Jackson College sonography programs. Clinical site placement is based on annual clinical site availability and geographic location.

Participation of clinical sites varies each year. 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 clinical site within commuting distance therefore students who are open to relocating improve their chances of getting into the program.

A student cannot identify and initiate a clinical affiliation partnership. Requests to initiate a clinical affiliation partnership is limited to clinical site personnel, program director or program clinical coordinator.

It is recommended that if you live within a 2-hour driving radius of another CAAHEP accredited program, you should apply to that program. Visit www.caahep.org to find programs nearby.

Understanding the Mandatory Preclinical Lab Course (DMS196) Requirement

All students admitted to the Jackson College Cardiac Sonography program must complete the preclinical lab course Introduction to Cardiac Clinical (DMS196), which is delivered in the first semester of the program prior to the start of the clinical rotation. This is a face-to-face lab course delivered at Jackson College's Central Campus, in Jackson, Michigan. Students must complete the preclinical lab course (DMS196) on campus unless the student's assigned clinical site requests hosting the student for that experience. **It should be noted that this is rare, and most clinical affiliates do not request this responsibility. The following circumstances will be considered to determine the eligibility of the hybrid delivery method of the preclinical lab course (DMS196) requirement:**

- 1. Clinical Site Request**
- 2. Review and confirm the clinical site's ability to facilitate course objectives, educational needs, and experience.**
- 3. Program Director approval**

The following conditions must be met once eligibility status has been approved:

A clinical site must meet the minimum requirements of a clinical affiliate listed below:

1. A current affiliation agreement
2. Completed, submitted, and approved CC and CV forms by the clinical instructor.
3. Appropriately credentialed sonographers willing to facilitate the course requirements.
4. The sponsoring clinical site must be willing to work with students to complete the preclinical lab course (DMS196) competencies for the course.
5. A cleared background check, drug screen and physical health form including immunization forms must be updated in the Allied Health Office one month prior to the start of the course.
6. Signed Clinical Instructor Acknowledgement (Contact the Program Director for this document)

The Cardiac Sonography clinicals are unpaid educational experiences. If you have any questions, please contact the Health Sciences Office at (517) 768-7007.



DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY ADVISING FACT SHEET

Acknowledgement Receipt

I have read the “Cardiac Sonography Advising Fact Sheet”. I understand:

- **I am required to complete the preclinical lab course Introduction to Cardiac Clinical (DMS196).**
- I must continue to work with my student navigator at Jackson College while I complete my pre-requisite coursework.
- I am required to have all General Education and Allied Health Core pre-requisite courses completed before I may be considered for the Cardiac Sonography program.
- Completing all General Education and Allied Health Core pre-requisite courses does not guarantee me acceptance into the Cardiac Sonography program.
- I must submit my program application by the due date of: **Cardiac Sonography - August 15th**
- Failure to pass a criminal background check and drug screen may prevent admission into the Cardiac Sonography program.
- Participation of clinical sites may vary each year.
- The Cardiac Sonography clinicals are unpaid educational experiences.
- It is recommended that if you live within a 2-hour driving radius of another CAAHEP accredited program, you should apply to that program.
- If I am unable to relocate to a Jackson College affiliated clinical site location, I should apply to a program closer to me.

Once you have reviewed this information sign below and return this page to Student Services (Bert Walker Building, Room 104 or upload to www.jccmi.edu/securedocuments . Click on Registration & Records Documents).

Print student name

Jackson College Student I.D. Number

Signature

Date