



DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY ADVISING FACT SHEET

Jackson 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 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 DMS 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 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 clinical site positions.

The sonography programs; General, Vascular, and Cardiac, accept new students one time per year. The General applications are due annually on January 31st of each year for the May entry. The Vascular applications are due annually on March 31st of each year for the June entry. The Cardiac applications are due annually on August 31st 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:

General Sonography: www.jccmi.edu/general-sonography/admission-process/

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

Vascular Sonography: www.jccmi.edu/vascular-sonography/admission-process/

The General Sonography Program is a four (4) semester program that begins in May of each year and finishes in August of the following year. The Vascular Program is a three (4) semester program that begins in June of each year and finishes in August of the following year. 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 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 MAT 131 and a 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 and good interviewing skills positively influence your chances to secure a spot in the program.

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

The General, Vascular and Cardiac Sonography Programs are full-time academic programs. 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 between 24 to 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.

Participation of clinical sites varies each year. While Jackson College uses its best efforts to negotiate clinical sites, even after they become available they can become unavailable for reasons beyond the control of Jackson College and in that event Jackson College 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.

It is recommend that if you live within a 2 hour driving radius of another CAAHEP accredited program, you should apply to that program. Obtaining a clinical site for you to perform your clinical may be challenging, if not impossible, if you live close to another sonography school. To get a better idea of the likelihood of us getting a hospital in your area, please find accredited programs near you at www.caahep.org.

If you have a hospital or ultrasound lab who is interested in hosting you as a student for one of Jackson College's Sonography Programs, please visit the Jackson College website for additional direction about this process.

Cardiac Sonography: www.jccmi.edu/cardiac-sonography/securing-a-clinical-site/

General Sonography: www.jccmi.edu/general-sonography/securing-a-clinical-site/

Vascular Sonography: www.jccmi.edu/vascular-sonography/securing-a-clinical-site/

All students admitted to the program will be required to attend a 10 week lab course on central campus. Any student unable to attend the scanning lab course on JC's central campus due to geographical travel restrictions may be eligible to complete the course through online delivery method in their geographical location. The following circumstances will be considered to determine eligibility of online delivery method:

1. Clinical site location
2. Program Director approval
3. Clinical site (affiliate) approval.

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

A clinical site willing to sponsor the student must meet the minimum requirements of a clinical affiliate listed below:

- i. A current affiliation agreement
- ii. Completed, submitted and approved CC and CV forms.
- iii. Appropriate credentialed sonographers willing to facilitate the course requirements.
- iv. The sponsoring clinical site must be willing to work with student to complete the lab course competencies for the (DMS196, DMS197 or DMS198) course.
- v. A cleared background check, drug screen and health physical form including immunization forms must be updated in the Allied Health Office one month prior to the start of the course.

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 student navigator at Jackson 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-March 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.
- I am required to attend a 10 week lab course on central campus or provide the appropriate documentation for approval of the online course by the application deadline of the respective program. (see requirements above)

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