



## **DMS ADVISING FACT SHEET**

Jackson College has compiled this information to assist you as you are preparing for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Programs. Please review this information and then acknowledge receipt of this fact sheet by signing and returning page 5 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, you must complete Jackson College's application process as soon as possible. This will list you as a prospective DMS candidate.

You must 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 DMS Advising Fact Sheet to Student Services:

- The acknowledge receipt is a prerequisite document to register for DMS 104 for General Sonography.
- The acknowledge receipt is a prerequisite document to register for DMS 104 for Cardiac Sonography.
- The acknowledge receipt is a prerequisite document to register for MAT 130 for Vascular Sonography.

### **Apply to the DMS Programs**

DMS programs are hybrid second-admission programs. This means that there is no guarantee that if you finish all pre-requisite requirements you will be admitted into the program. You are competing against many other students vying for a limited number of clinical site positions.

The DMS Programs accept new students once per year. Application due dates are as follows:

- Cardiac Sonography applications are due annually on September 15th of each year for a Spring semester entry.
- General Sonography applications are due annually on January 31st of each year for a Summer semester entry.
- Vascular Sonography applications are due annually on January 31st of each year for a Summer semester entry.

Please contact the Allied Health office at (517) 768-7007 for details on the various application processes.

The admission processes can be found on the Jackson College website:

- Cardiac Sonography: [www.jccmi.edu/cardiac-sonography/admission-process/](http://www.jccmi.edu/cardiac-sonography/admission-process/)
- General Sonography: [www.jccmi.edu/general-sonography/admission-process/](http://www.jccmi.edu/general-sonography/admission-process/)
- Vascular Sonography: [www.jccmi.edu/vascular-sonography/admission-process/](http://www.jccmi.edu/vascular-sonography/admission-process/)

### **DMS Program Duration**

- 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.
- The General Sonography Program is a four (4) semester program that begins in June of each year and ends in August of the following year.
- The Vascular Sonography Program is a four (4) semester program that begins in June of each year and ends in August of the following 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.

### **Cardiac Sonography and General Sonography Programs**

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

### **Vascular Sonography Program**

It is required that you have all General Education, Allied Health Core pre-requisite courses, and DMS Fact Sheet Acknowledgement Receipts (signed before MOA 120, BIO 132, or PHY 145) completed before acceptance into the Vascular Sonography program.

Required prerequisite classes- a minimum grade of 2.5 in the following class(es)  
BIO 132; or BIO 253 & BIO 254; MOA 120

Required prerequisite classes a minimum grade of 2.0 in the following class(es)  
MAT 130; PHY 145 or PHY 131; COM 250 ;HOC 130

Required core-related and general education courses (can be completed in the program)  
ENG 131; DMS 104(MUST be completed SUM or FL semester); SOC 231 or PSY 140;  
\*GEO 6

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 DMS Program Information**

There is no waiting list for the Jackson College DMS 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 of securing a spot in the program.

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

The DMS Programs are highly demanding 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 32 hours each week for Cardiac and General Sonography, and 24 -32 hours each week for Vascular Sonography, 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 or CCI exams. It is the student's responsibility to verify eligibility directly with ARDMS or CCI.

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 are limited to clinical site personnel, the program director, or the 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](http://www.caahep.org) to find programs nearby.

Potential students can contact the Allied Health Department Coordinator to learn whether an affiliated clinical site is in their geographical area (city, town) at [sonographyinquires@jccmi.edu](mailto:sonographyinquires@jccmi.edu)

### **Understanding the Mandatory Preclinical Lab Course Requirement**

All students admitted to the Jackson College DMS programs must complete the preclinical lab course which is delivered in the first semester of the program before 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 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 requirement:**

1. Clinical Site Request
2. Review and confirm the clinical site's ability to facilitate course objectives, educational needs, and experience.
3. Jackson College 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 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 before the start of the course.

6. Signed Clinical Instructor Acknowledgement (Contact the Program Director for this document)

The Jackson College DMS clinical externships are unpaid educational experiences. If you have any questions, please contact the Health Sciences Office at (517) 768-7007 or email [sonographyinquires@jccmi.edu](mailto:sonographyinquires@jccmi.edu)

### **Additional DMS Program-Related Costs to Students**

- All clinical courses have extensive course fees attached.
- Viewpoint Screening and health portal, required by all JC Health Science students.
- Clinical affiliate onboarding costs.
- Clinical attire requirements and comfortable shoes.
- CPR certification.
- Immunization and health screening costs.
- Health insurance is required
- Commuting expenses related to clinical.

# DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY ADVISING FACT SHEET

## Acknowledgment Receipt

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

- **I am required to complete the preclinical lab course.**
- 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 pre-requisite courses completed or enrolled in before I may be considered for the program. See page 2 for each DMS program requirements.
- Completing all General Education and Allied Health Core pre-requisite courses does not guarantee me acceptance into the DMS programs.
- I must submit my program application by the due date of:
  - Cardiac Sonography – September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - General Sonography – January 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Vascular Sonography – January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Failure to pass a criminal background check and drug screen will prevent admission into the DMS program.
- Participation in clinical sites can vary each year.
- The Jackson College DMS clinical externships 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 your Student Success Navigator or [JCAdvising@jccmi.edu](mailto:JCAdvising@jccmi.edu)

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Print student name

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JC Student I.D. Number

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Signature

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Date