



VASCULAR SONOGRAPHY ADVISING FACT SHEET

Jackson College compiled this information to help you prepare for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program in Vascular Sonography. Please review this information and 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 is to complete a Jackson College admission application; even if you are taking prerequisite 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 Vascular Sonography Advising Fact Sheet to Student Services. The acknowledgment receipt is a prerequisite document to register for MAT 130.

Apply to the Vascular Sonography Program

The vascular sonography program is an online second-admission program. This means there is no guarantee that you will be admitted into the program if you finish all prerequisite requirements. You are competing against many other students vying for a limited number of clinical site positions.

The sonography program accepts new students one time per year. The Vascular applications are due annually on January 31st of each year for the May entry. Don't hesitate to get in touch with the Allied Health office at (517) 768-7007 for details on the various application processes.

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

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

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

Complete prerequisites

All prerequisite courses are offered online. If you transfer prerequisite and general education credits from different colleges/universities. In that case, 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. Don't hesitate to 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, Allied Health Core, and DMS Fact Sheet Acknowledgement Receipts (signed during registration for MAT 130)

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;
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(*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)

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 of securing 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 Vascular Sonography Program is a 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 between 24 to 32 hours each week and 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 in clinical sites varies each year. 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. However, it is only sometimes possible to secure a 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, 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.

Potential students can contact the Program Director to learn whether an affiliated clinical site is in their geographical area. Heather Ruttkofsky, MA, RVT Vascular Sonography Program Director, by email at ruttkofheatherm@jccmi.edu

Understanding the Mandatory Preclinical Lab Course (DMS160,-Introduction to Vascular Technology and Professional Lab Practices)

All students admitted to the Jackson College DMS programs must complete the preclinical lab course (DMS160), delivered in the program's first semester before the clinical rotation starts. This face-to-face lab course is offered at Jackson College's Central Campus, in Jackson, Michigan. Students must complete the preclinical lab course (DMS160) 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 (DMS160) requirement:

1. Clinical Site Request
2. Review and confirm the clinical site's ability to facilitate 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. 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 course's preclinical lab course (DMS160) competencies.
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 course starts.
6. Signed Clinical Instructor Acknowledgement (Contact the Program Director for this document)

The Vascular Sonography clinics are unpaid educational experiences. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Health Sciences Office at (517) 768-7007.

Acknowledgment Receipt

I have read the "Diagnostic Medical Sonography Advising Fact Sheet". Understand:

- **I am required to complete a preclinical lab course** (DMS160). I must continue to work with my student navigator at Jackson College while I finish my prerequisite coursework.
- I must complete all General Education and Allied Health Core prerequisite courses before I may be considered for a sonography program.
- Completing all General Education and Allied Health Core prerequisite courses does not guarantee me acceptance into a sonography program.
- I must submit my program application by the due date of: **Vascular-January 31st**.
- If submitting a clinical site request, the Clinical Characteristics and Curriculum Vitae forms are due at time of application.
- 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 104 or upload to www.jccmi.edu/securedocuments . lick on Registration & Records Documents).

Print student name Jackson College Student I.D. Number

Signature
