

Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Cardiovascular Sonography Program (CVS)
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program (DMS)
(Wilmington Campus)

Most Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long does it take to complete the program?

The Associate in Applied Science degree program is two full years after acceptance into the program. This means a total of 6 semesters: summer-fall-spring and summer-fall-spring.

2. What is the difference in the two programs?

We offer two different programs:

Students in the **Cardiovascular Sonography Program (CVS)** study the diagnostic ultrasound techniques and pathology related to the human heart and blood vessels of the body.

Students in the **Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program (DMS)** study the diagnostic ultrasound techniques and pathology related to OB/GYN, abdomen, and superficial structures including thyroids, testicles, prostates, breasts, and some vascular procedures.

3. Do I need to decide on one program?

Yes. Students applying to the program will have the choice of the above two programs (CVS & DMS) and will be academically ranked together. At the time of the Mandatory Program Admission Session (MPAS), these applicants will be asked to indicate their preference of program on a first and second choice basis. The final choice of program will be based on the applicant's academic ranking with consideration to preference until seats in the two programs are filled. Once accepted into a program, the student must complete that learning program.

4. Is it a full time program?

The first year of the program can be part time (< 12 credit hours/semester) depending on the number of supporting courses the student has taken. Supporting courses are those with bold print on the curriculum course sequence sheet. It is full-time during the second year when full time clinical internship starts.

5. What are the program pre-requisites?

CHM 110 - General Chemistry and PHY 111 - Conceptual Physics are pre-requisite courses. These courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better before starting the program in May.

RDG 120 – Critical Reading and Thinking is a required course for graduation. Some students may be able to test out.

6. Do you have a waiting list?

No, we do not maintain a waiting list. Every year all applicants are evaluated based on the admission criteria and applicants are ranked according to their overall GPA, math/science GPA, and the number of supporting courses applicants have taken. If unsuccessful, students must reapply the following year.

7. What is the employment rate and salary range for your graduates?

Our graduate employment rate was 100% up to the class of 2009. Employment rate for the class of 2010 was 88%. Salaries range from approximately \$23-31 per hour for recent graduates.

8. Do you offer evening classes?

Supporting classes have various schedules from daytime to evening or weekends. Most of the technology classes are day-time hours. Students need to be flexible in order to stay on track since each technology class is only offered once a year.