

Application Requirements

- Completed application packet and three (3) references.
- Completed Performance Standards Form
- U.S. High School Diploma **OR** Equivalent
- American College Test (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Testing (SAT) scores required.
 - Minimum Composite score: ACT - 19, SAT – 900
 - Exam scores must be recent (ten years or less).
 - ACT/SAT requirement may be waived for applicants possessing a baccalaureate degree or higher.
- ACT School code - 4549 SAT School code - 3863
- Applicants with a Baccalaureate degree (or higher) may be exempt from this requirement.

Eligibility for the DMS Program:

- The Applicant **must** be a graduate of an Accredited Radiologic Technology Program

OR

The Applicant must have a Baccalaureate Degree in the Health Sciences w/these specifications completed.

Specifications:

- College Algebra/Statistics/Higher Mathematics
- College Medical Terminology
- College Anatomy/Physiology
- College Physics/Radiographic Physics
- College Communication
- **A MINIMUM of 300** Direct Patient Care Contact Hours Completed.

Please Refer To Direct Patient Care Experience Form to review the requirements)

Grade transcripts from all previous academic experiences to include:

- Allied Health Education
- All previous college
- High school
- GED scores (if applicable)

All application material must be completed and received by February 1 of the year the candidate is seeking admission.

- Through the utilization of an objective point system, the Education Coordinator will evaluate all application material submitted.
- A minimum score must be achieved for the applicant to be granted an interview.

Interviews will be conducted in March. Interview evaluation is also based on a point system, and the composite score will determine acceptance into the Program.

The selection process will be completed in April and **ALL** interviewed applicants will receive notification of their standing. (Accepted, Wait-Listed, or Not-Accepted)

Admission Qualifications

Selection is based upon academic qualifications, personal interview, previous health care experience, and the individual's projected ability to contribute to the profession of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Three students will be selected for each class starting in July. Wait-listed applicants in their respective order will be notified if a position in the class becomes available prior to July 1st.

- All selected students are required to have a complete health physical within six months prior to entering the program in July.

The selection is non-discriminatory and considers each applicant for admission without regard to age, sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, handicap, or veteran status.

Notwithstanding this statement, a disability cannot interfere with the normal duties of a sonographer. These duties include: patient assistance, lifting, manipulation of equipment, adequate hearing and vision, etc.

Inquires Should Be Directed To:

Ultrasound Education Coordinator
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program
PO Box 8062
West Virginia University Healthcare
Morgantown, WV 26506
(304) 598-4187



Radiologic Technology Education Programs

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

www.wvuhradtech.com

Admission requirements are subject to change by the administration.

General Description

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program consists of 18 months of clinical and classroom instruction, averaging no more than 40 hours per week.

Classes start in July and include both didactic and clinical education Monday – Friday.

A caseload of approx. 10,000 examinations per year provides for optimum exposure in the following areas: Abdomen, OB/GYN, Neurosonology, and Vascular.

Courses

- ❖ Physics and Instrumentation
- ❖ Abdominal Sonography
- ❖ Obstetrical and Gynecological Sonography
- ❖ Neurosonology
- ❖ Breast Sonography (5 week Course)
- ❖ Case review and Critique
- ❖ Medical Ethics and Law
- ❖ Vascular Sonography
- ❖ Applied Sonography (Laboratory)

Dress Code

The following uniforms are required:

- ❖ Unisex Scrub Top : Landau 7502 Caribbean
- ❖ Unisex Scrub Pant: Landau 7602 Caribbean
- ❖ Skirts are to be worn with white hose
- ❖ White clinic shoes or tennis shoes (no clogs)
- ❖ Optional V Neck Tunic: Landau 8219 Caribbean
- ❖ Warm-Up Jacket: Landau 7525 Caribbean

Our Program

Founded in 1976, the Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) in cooperation with the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRCDEMS). All phases of education and classes are held at West Virginia University Healthcare.

Upon completion of the Program, a Certificate is awarded and the graduate sonographer is eligible to sit for the

American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography examinations in Physics, Abdomen, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Neurosonology.

Although the Program is located on the West Virginia University campus, it is an 18 month certificate program, not a degree-granting program. Subjects taken do not carry WVU credit, but provision to transfer course work under the Regents Bachelor of Arts Program may be pursued.

Student Fees and Tuition

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Tuition cost is \$1000.00 per semester. A \$50.00 **Non-Refundable** deposit is required once a student is accepted in order to retain his/her position.

Students are required to cover personal expenses, uniforms, textbook costs, and graduation expenses. No Stipends are provided.

Financial Aid

Although the program is accredited by CAAHEP, due to changes in financial aid guidelines it is not eligible for financial aid.

Books

Books are purchased through the West Virginia University Health Sciences Bookstore at a cost of approximately \$700.00.

Housing

Students are responsible for their own room and board. There are many types of housing available for rent in the vicinity of the hospital: apartments, town homes, condos, etc.

University housing is not available to the student sonographer. Upon admission, students are provided with a current rental guide for the Morgantown area to assist them in finding rental properties.

General Information/Student Services

A designated vacation of four weeks and all hospital recognized holidays will be given to students during the 18 month program.

Students are encouraged to attend the West Virginia Diagnostic Ultrasound Society annual conferences and a National Physics Conference.

Student Services include but are not limited to:

- *Free Parking
- *Security Services
- *Access to the Wellness Center
- *Multiple Libraries
- *Computer Based Learning Center
- *University Health Services