

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Guidelines for Admissions



ADMISSION TO THE DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY PROGRAM

Prospective students must be accepted for admission to USI before being considered for admission to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program. The DMS program is limited in the number of students that may be accepted each year. USI, in collaboration with the clinical affiliates, reserves the right to determine the number of students enrolled in each beginning class. Total admission can not exceed the maximum number of available clinical sites.

1. Applicants must have graduated from high school and have completed all DMS program prerequisite courses with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale). The 3.0 GPA is not the cumulative GPA. This GPA is calculated based on the grades received from the DMS program prerequisite courses only. Please see the curriculum plan for prerequisite courses.
2. Official university transcripts from all institutions (other than USI) must be submitted to the DMS program as part of the admission procedure.
3. DMS program application and accompanying required documents and transcripts must be received by **September 15** of the year the student desires admission to the program. Failure to submit all necessary documents by the deadline will make the student ineligible for interviews or program consideration for that year.
4. Applicants meeting academic requirements must be in good health, be eligible for ARDMS certification, and be capable of fulfilling program technical standards.
5. The DMS student selection process involves a review of all required documents and an interview by the DMS admission committee. This committee consists of the program faculty and clinical instructors from each clinical site. Applicants are informed when to schedule the interview via letter, e-mail or phone call from the DMS program director. All interviews are conducted privately and by appointment only. The committee's decision is conveyed by letter approximately two weeks after all interviews are completed.
6. The DMS application must also be accompanied by a signed and dated narrative that addresses these questions:
 - Why do you believe you are a good candidate for this program?
 - Describe which sonography discipline you prefer to pursue in the fourth year of the DMS program, Vascular Sonography or Cardiac Sonography; provide a detailed rationale for your preference.
 - What are your career goals?
 - Do you have any health care experience? If so, explain in what capacity, length of time, and what you gained from the experience.
7. Applicants are required to observe/volunteer in a variety of sonography settings prior to September 15. The prospective DMS student will utilize observation time within general, vascular and cardiac sonography settings to become familiar with sonographic examinations, standards of practice and the sonographer's role as a healthcare member. Applicant should not wait until the program deadline to complete observations. The student will assume all responsibility for any illness or injury acquired during observation hours. Clinical affiliates reserve the right to deny observation at their facility when time or space is limited.
8. Contact the Diagnostic Medical Sonography department at 812-465-1181 with any questions regarding the DMS program.