

## Admission Procedure and Advising Information for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound) Program

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program has special admission criteria and limited enrollment. Applications for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program are accepted by the Admissions Office in May for the following fall semester. Applicants are responsible for ensuring the requirements are met and all necessary documentation is on file. Only complete files will be considered. The application can be found online only in the month of May at [www.jjc.edu](http://www.jjc.edu) under “[Campus News & Events](#)”. All students must meet the following prerequisites prior to application. Please read carefully to ensure all steps have been completed.

- Current application to the college found at [www.jjc.edu/admissions](http://www.jjc.edu/admissions).
- Must meet residency requirements as defined by Joliet Junior College: <http://www.jjc.edu/getting-started/admissions/residency>.
- High School transcript or GED on file with the Admissions Office verifying completion.
- All college transcripts (other than JJC) must be evaluated and placed on record. **Transcripts must be submitted by February 1<sup>st</sup>**. Official college transcripts should be mailed to Joliet Junior College, Academic Credentials Office, 1215 Houbolt Road Joliet, IL 60431-8938. Students must complete the online Transfer Credit Evaluation Request Form available at <http://www.jjc.edu/student-resources/records-transcripts> in order to have their transcripts evaluated. This process can take 4 to 6 weeks. Students will get a notification that their transcripts have been received via their JJC email. Students should go to “My JJC” portal and check for updates under “Self-Service Menu”. Students are advised to call the Academic Credentials Office at 815-280-2389 if they don’t see their transfer credits in 3 weeks.
- **Completion of BIO 250, MATH 131 (or MATH 128) and PHYS 100 (or PHYS 110) with a grade of “C” or better by the end of the Spring semester. Spring semester grades must be posted and available to JJC for review by May 31 to be qualified.**
- Minimum CUM GPA of 2.0 or above.
- Completed Test of Essential Academic Skills (current version). TEAS must be completed by the end of the application period, which is May 31.

**All JJC students are required to have the ATI TEAS (version 6) scores on file.**

1. **Students who score 86 or above on the TEAS Composite will be guaranteed admittance, contingent on the results of their background check and drug screening** when an application to the program is completed and the above requirements are met. In the event there are more students in the Guaranteed Admittance category than available seats, a ranking system will be used (see sonography ranking system criteria below).
2. Students who score **below 86** on the TEAS Composite will be admitted using the ranking system (see sonography ranking system criteria below).

- **All students are required to attend a mandatory information session prior to applying to the program.** These sessions are held monthly throughout the year. View info session dates here: [www.jjc.edu/info/dms](http://www.jjc.edu/info/dms).
- **Compliance with the technical standards of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS).** Students must be able to complete the following: lift more than 50 pounds routinely; push and pull; bend and stoop routinely; have full use of both hands, wrists, and shoulders; distinguish audible sounds; adequately view sonograms, including color distinctions; work standing on their feet 80% of the time; interact compassionately and effectively with the sick or injured; assist patients on and off examining tables; communicate effectively with patients and other health care professionals; organize and accurately perform the individual steps in a sonographic procedure in the proper sequence. For more information, please go to: <http://www.sdms.org/resources>.

## DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY RANKING SYSTEM

Admission to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program is determined by a point ranking system. Each eligible applicant is given a number for anonymity by the admissions office. Applications are sent to the Admissions Committee to be scored and ranked by the following criteria:

1. GPA (calculated on courses required for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program only) – weighted 25%
2. Number of required general education classes completed – weighted 25%
3. TEAS Composite (weighted 30%) and Science scores (weighted 20%). Qualified applicants are required to take the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). The fee for this test is paid by the applicant. The TEAS test must be completed by May 31. We encourage applicants to take the exam one time per semester. If the TEAS test is taken multiple times in a semester, the committee will **ONLY** consider the score from the first time it was taken during that semester. More TEAS exam and preparation info: <https://www.jjc.edu/student-resources/testing-services/tests-administered>.
4. These additional general education courses are not required to be considered for admission, but they are required for completion of the AAS Degree and must be completed before beginning the program. Students' grades must be posted and available to JJC for review by May 31. Taking these courses will add points to the applicant's overall score if completed with a grade of "C" or better by the end of the spring semester.
  - BIO 251, Anatomy and Physiology II, 4 credit hours
  - ENG 101(or ENG 102) Rhetoric, 3 credit hours
  - PSYC 101, General Psychology, 3 credit hours

### Courses you may need for the JJC Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program

Courses must be passed with C grades or higher

Possible Prerequisites	General Education Courses
ENG 020	BIO 149 or 151
ENG 021 or 022	ENG 101 or 102
ENG 098	PSYC 101
ENG 099	BIO 250
MATH 090	BIO 251
MATH 094	MATH 131 or 128
MATH 098	PHYS 110 or 100
MATH 095	
COUN 085 or 101	

**TUITION:** For tuition information, please go to: <http://www.jjc.edu/getting-started/pay-school> under differential tuition.

**ACCREDITATION:** The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at Joliet Junior College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS). Website: [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org).

**ACADEMIC ADVISING:** Please call the [Student Advising Center](#) at 815-280-2673 to make an appointment to assist you with your individual educational planning. Feel free to schedule a 30-minute advising appointment with Elena Miller, Sonography Program Coordinator/Advisor by calling 815-280-2658 after your high school/college transcripts have been evaluated, completed the placement testing (if required) and the TEAS exam.

**ADMISSION INFO:** For questions about admission please contact Kathleen Cartwright, Admission Specialist at 815-280-2429 or email at [kcartwri@jjc.edu](mailto:kcartwri@jjc.edu). For general questions about the Sonography program please contact Marlene Kircher, Health & Public Services Department Secretary at 815-280-2658 or email at [mkircher@jjc.edu](mailto:mkircher@jjc.edu).

**SONOGRAPHY WEB PAGES:** [www.jjc.edu/info/dms](http://www.jjc.edu/info/dms)

**NOTE:** Admitting criteria is subject to change. It is the applicant's responsibility to review the criteria on a regular basis.