

# DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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essential qualifications, competencies, and functions for professional diagnostic medical sonographers.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NOT ALL APPLICANTS WHO COMPLETE THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS ARE ADMITTED TO THE PROGRAM.**

## Special Admissions Criteria- Associate Degree

Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) is a limited-entry program admitting students in the spring semester only. Prior to applying to the program, students will have taken all program Core and Related Requirements. The following items are among the criteria considered in the selection of program applicants:

- Minimum overall college GPA 3.0
- GPA in Core and Related Requirements courses
- County of residence
- Prior healthcare experience

## Program Application Requirements

1. Complete all prerequisites. *Students may have a maximum of two prerequisite courses in progress at the time of application.*
2. Attend program orientation and request the program application. Register for orientation here (<https://forms.office.com/r/Mmh5v3aRUJ/>).
3. Submit the application and all supporting documents by the September 1st deadline.

## Selection Criteria

Completing pre-requisite courses does not guarantee acceptance into the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program. Selection for the program utilizes a point system as well as a comprehensive evaluation of the student's overall strengths related to the essential qualifications, competencies, and functions of the professional diagnostic medical sonographer.

Selection for acceptance incorporates two phases.

### Phase I

Phase I points are awarded in pre-requisite and related courses. Relevant field experience and/or professional credentials may qualify for additional bonus points. See program website (<https://dacc.nmsu.edu/academics/programs/diagnostic-medical-sonography/>) for details.

**Important note regarding bonus point coursework:** Bonus points were previously offered for completion of BIOL 2225, BIOL 2505, BCIS 1110, and MATH 1350G. As of the 2024-25 catalog year, students were no longer advised to complete bonus point courses.

Students who declared the pre-DMS major in the 2023-24 catalog or prior will continue to receive bonus points for one more application cycle. As of fall 2026, bonus points will no longer count for these courses, regardless of when they were completed.

### Phase II: Invitation only

Phase II is for applicants who have scored very well in Phase I. It is by invitation only and is conducted as a written assessment and an interview to identify personal strengths and/or weaknesses related to