

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

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This track is only designed for students with existing health-related degrees. If you do not have an associate or bachelor's degree in a medically related field, please visit the Associate Track page.

Certificate Track (53 credits)

This is a limited-entry program beginning only in the spring semester. Criteria and factors used in evaluating applicants include the following:

- High school diploma or GED
- 2-year allied health degree (i.e. radiologic technology, RN, etc.) **OR** a bachelor's degree in a medically related science (see prerequisite admission requirements for specific content)
 - Application points based on GPA
- County of residence

Note: Application cycle is open July 1st-September 1st, and requires prior attendance at a program orientation session.

NOTE: A grade of C- or better on a traditional grading scale is required in designated Mathematics courses. Students must earn a final grade of C or better in all required DMS courses/Technical Requirements and achieve a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0. The DMS program utilizes an accelerated grading scale. 74% is the minimum passing score for all assignments, assessments, and overall class grading and corresponds to a "C."

Students must complete all University certificate requirements to total at least 53 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
MATH 1220G	College Algebra	3
PHYS 1230G	Algebra-Based Physics I ^{1,2}	3
	or PHYS 1112	Introductory Physics for the Health Sciences
	or RADT 105	Radiographic Physics and Equipment
Technical Requirements³		
DMS 100	Introduction to Clinical Practicum	1
DMS 101	Introduction Sonography/Patient Care	2
DMS 105	Introduction to Clinical Practicum II	1
DMS 130	Pelvic Sonography	2
DMS 130 L	Pelvic Sonography Lab	1
DMS 140	Abdominal Sonography	2
DMS 140 L	Abdominal Sonography Lab	1
DMS 150	Sonographic Principles and Instrumentation I	2
DMS 160	1st Trimester Obstetric Sonography	1
DMS 165	2nd/3rd Trimester Obstetric Sonography	1
DMS 170	Clinical Practicum I	1

DMS 180	Clinical Practicum II	4
DMS 226	Sonographic Case Studies I	1
DMS 227	Sonographic Case Studies II	1
DMS 230	Gynecologic Pathology	2
DMS 240	Abdominal Pathology I	2
DMS 245	Abdominal Pathology II	2
DMS 248	Pediatric Sonography	2
DMS 250	Sonographic Principles and Instrumentation II	3
DMS 260	High Risk Obstetric Sonography	3
DMS 270	Clinical Practicum III	3
DMS 290	Small Parts & Superficial Structures	2
DMS 280	Clinical Practicum IV	5
DMS 291	Registry Preparation: OB/GYN	1
DMS 292	Registry Preparation: Abdomen	1
Total Credits		53

- ¹ Courses are identical to those offered at New Mexico State University Las Cruces (main) Campus.
- ² While RADT 105 and PHYS 1112 meet program requirements, they do not meet the NM General Education Area III: Laboratory Sciences requirement.
- ³ All DMS classes are restricted to students who have been formally accepted into and in good standing with the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program.

Course Fees

In addition to tuition, a fee of \$200 is charged for each of the following courses:

Prefix	Title	Credits
DMS 170	Clinical Practicum I	1
DMS 180	Clinical Practicum II	4
DMS 270	Clinical Practicum III	3
DMS 280	Clinical Practicum IV	5