

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Special Admissions Criteria and Required College Prerequisites

The program is approximately 24 months in length, plus prerequisites, and is designed to provide students with the academic coursework and clinical internship experience necessary to apply for national certification examinations in the specialty areas of Abdominal and OB/GYN Sonography.

There are 2 pathways to qualify for this program, depending on your educational background:

- **Associate of Applied Science** pathway is for those applicants without an existing health-related degree. This requires students to complete pre-requisite courses, and is the more common track. Selection criteria can be viewed on the program website (<https://dacc.nmsu.edu/academics/programs/diagnostic-medical-sonography/>), at the Admissions Policies link.

OR

- **Certificate Program** pathway is for applicants with either a 2-year allied health degree (i.e., radiologic technology, RN, etc.) OR a bachelor's degree in a medically related science. Selection criteria can be viewed on the program website (<https://dacc.nmsu.edu/academics/programs/diagnostic-medical-sonography/>), at the Admissions Policies link.

All students, regardless of the pathway they qualify under, will follow the same two-year roadmap once accepted into the sonography program.

Students may have a maximum of two prerequisite courses progress at the time of application, and the student must have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA in prerequisite courses and overall college GPA. This is a full-time program with all requirements falling Monday-Friday between 8 am-5 pm (exact days/hours vary by semester), including clinical internships which may occur outside of the immediate Las Cruces area. All sonography core courses relate to each other and are only offered once during the program and, therefore, cannot be taken out of sequence or individually. Students must maintain a grade of "C" in all sonography core coursework and clinical internship to remain in the program. 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." **All students are required to have personal health insurance to attend clinical internships.**

Applicants with pre-requisite coursework from an institution outside of the United States MUST have an official, detailed translation of their coursework into the US equivalency sent to the program from the World Education Services (WES). International applicants who do not provide official documentation of acceptable US course and degree equivalency will not be considered during the application process.