

# DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY (ULTRASOUND)

HEALTH PROFESSIONS CAREER PATHWAY



## PICTURE YOURSELF IN ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC FIELDS!

Tidewater Community College's nationally accredited Associate of Applied Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography boasts a 100% pass rate in the last three years for the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography examination.

As part of their education, students have clinical rotations at every major health system in Hampton Roads, including Sentara, Bon Secours, Chesapeake Regional and Riverside.

## PROGRAMS

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Complete in as few as 5 semesters / 67 credits

An associate degree is all you need for a career in this growing field, as a staff sonographer in radiology departments, hospitals, private offices, outpatient clinics, and military units. This program includes clinical rotations, and students often secure employment before they graduate.

#### SELECTIVE ADMISSION

Admission to the diagnostic medical sonography program is very selective and requires a separate application in addition to general admission to the college. To qualify for this competitive program, you will need to:

- Apply to TCC and indicate that you intend to pursue Diagnostic Medical Sonography.
- Complete and submit the Health Professions Program Application by May 15 for fall admission. Include unofficial transcripts from previous colleges you have attended.
- Complete these benchmark courses by the May 15 deadline with a grade of "A" or "B":
  - (BIO) 141—Human Anatomy and Physiology I
  - (MTH) 154—Quantitative Reasoning
  - (PHY) 100—Elements of Physics
  - (HLT) 141 or 143—Introduction to Medical Terminology
- Complete these benchmark courses by the May 15 deadline with a grade of "C" or better:
  - (BIO) 141—Human Anatomy and Physiology I
  - (MTH) 154—Quantitative Reasoning
  - (PHY) 100—Elements of Physics
  - (HLT) 141 or 143—Introduction to Medical Terminology
  - (ENG) 111 - College Composition I
  - (SDV) 101 - Orientation to Health Care
- MUST demonstrate some sort of formal medical experience by the May 15 deadline (*radiologic technologist, nurse aid, EMT, phlebotomy, etc.*)
- Complete an assigned essay and have an interview with a program representative.

It is also strongly recommended that you attend the information session, which is held the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. (except December) at the Regional Health Professions Center on the Virginia Beach Campus.

## TCC FAST FACT

**NATIONALLY ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH JOINT REVIEW COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY.**

## POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

You can find immediate employment working as an ultrasound technician following completion of the program.

## IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?

Yes, if you:

- have excellent communication skills
- can lift more than 50 pounds
- don't mind working on your feet

## PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

- Regional Health Professions Center in Virginia Beach, VA

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