



The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Advising Packet

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) Program

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The mission of the DMS Program at MTC is to provide an environment for student diagnostic medical sonographers to become qualified and competent technologists in a healthcare setting. We partner with the healthcare community to provide higher education for sonographers. The School encourages the process of life-long learning.

What Will It Take To Succeed?

To be successful, a student must make a personal commitment to attend all classes, work independently between class sessions, and complete all assignments in a timely manner.

Students in the DMS Program will learn to...

- Demonstrate knowledge and skill in abdominal sonography.
- Demonstrate knowledge and skill in OB/GYN sonography.
- Demonstrate knowledge and skill in small parts/ superficial structures /high resolution sonography.
- Modify standard procedures to accommodate for patient conditions and other variables to obtain quality images.
- Evaluate cross sectional anatomy pathology.
- Recognize emergency patient conditions and initiate first aid and basic life support procedures.
- Evaluate images for appropriate image quality and pathology.
- Demonstrate knowledge and skills related to quality assurance.
- State the safe limits of equipment operation and report malfunctions to the proper authority.
- Exercise independent judgment and discretion when performing imaging procedures.
- Demonstrate an understanding of your role in the healthcare environment.
- Practice effective communication with patients and other health professionals.
- Provide basic patient care, comfort, anticipate patient needs, and patient education.
- Demonstrate an understanding of ultrasound production.
- Demonstrate knowledge of human structure, function and pathology.
- Support the profession's code of ethics and comply with the profession's standard of practice.

All students must complete the Non-Academic Standards prior to acceptance into the program. The students must have:

- Sufficient eyesight to observe patients, manipulate equipment, and evaluate radiographic quality;
- Sufficient hearing to access patient needs and communicate verbally with other health care providers;
- Sufficient verbal and written skills to communicate needs promptly and efficiently in English;
- A reading comprehension level of ability comparable to formal education;
- Sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to respond promptly, manipulate equipment, lift a minimum of 30 pounds, and possess the ability to support 175 pounds and ensure patient safety;
- The ability to work while standing, sometimes for hours; and
- Satisfactory intellectual and emotional functions to exercise independent judgment and discretion in safe technical performance of medical imaging procedures.

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ADVISING SHEET
DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Student Name (Please Print)

Phone Number

1. ____ Student has spoken with admission counselor and understands the MTC admission requirements.
____ MTC Application with Fee ____ Math Skills College Ready Placement
____ High School Transcript (GED) ____ Reading Skills Test College Ready Placement
____ College Transcript (if applicable) ____ Technology Skills Test (TST)
____ Writing Skills College Ready Placement ____ Understands Sonography application is separate form
2. ____ Informed of minimum high school level coursework or successful completion of MTC coursework.
____ Reading Skills Assessment: College Ready Placement
____ Stats: College Ready Placement Shelf-life on the Math portion is three (3) years.
____ English: College Ready Placement
3. ____ Biology and Chemistry: College Ready Placement
4. ____ Recommend high school geometry and physics.
5. ____ Deadline for program application is July 18th of the year requesting admission. Understands students are admitted to program based upon an Admission Point System. Understands if not selected, student must reapply for future admission.
6. ____ Understands must have a minimum accumulative grade point average of 2.5 (4.0 scale) or equivalent from high school, or minimum 12 semester credit hours or equivalent of college credit, or successful completion of GED examination. GPA used for admission point system will be the most recent GPA.
7. ____ Understands student must be at least 18 years of age at the end of the calendar year in which he or she is seeking admission.
8. ____ Understands must observe in DMS on campus lab and Ultrasound Department within department guidelines prior to application into the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program and submit completed observation form.
9. ____ Understands must maintain a minimum 2.0 accumulative grade point average at MTC as well as a minimum 2.0 GPA in all required program courses.
10. ____ Understands must complete a physical examination prior to admission into the program as well as meet all non-academic standards for admission.
11. ____ Understands must complete a drug screen facilitated by Marion Technical College. Positive drug screens will result in ineligibility for admission and/or continuation in the program. If student fails to cooperate or complete any drug screening, he or she will be considered "positive" and dismissed from the program. Understands students may be subject to random drug screens.
12. ____ Understands that the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography Board reserves the right to deny admission to the ARDMS examination if an individual has been convicted of a crime, including felony, misdemeanor, or drug-related arrests.
13. ____ Informed of successful criminal background check and drug screen requirements. Understands potential employers may require background check and drug screening for potential employment and completion of a MTC program does not guarantee future employment. Has the student completed a **Criminal Background Disclosure Form**?
YES NO Advisor's Initials _____

Signature of Advisor

Signature of Student

Date

Social Security Number/or PID

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Marion
Technical College

Associate of Applied Science

About the Program

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Length of program

6 semesters | 65 credits

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Application requirements and eligibility may vary by program.

Marion Technical College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. MTC is also accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. In addition, MTC is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing, Ohio Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Ohio College Association, the Ohio State Department of Vocational Education, and the State Approving Agency for Veteran Training.

Marion Technical College is an equal opportunity educational institution and employer.

2024-25 Curriculum

Per program policy, a minimum grade of "C" is required to pass all DMS courses.

SEMESTER 1

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
ALH1110	Medical Terminology	3
DMS1010	Methods of Patient Care	2
DMS1001	Introduction to Sonography	2
MTH1240	Statistics	3
ALH1190	Physics For Allied Health	2
BIO1240	Anatomy & Physiology I	4

SEMESTER 2

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
DMS1040	Sonography Cross Sectional Anatomy	1
DMS1020	Sonography Procedures I	4
DMS1101	Sonography Clinical I	1
BIO1250	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
DMS1051	Sonography Principles & Instrumentation	3

SEMESTER 3

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
DMS1030	Sonography Procedures II	4
DMS1201	Sonography Clinical II	2
ENG1000	English Composition I	3
OIS1240	Computer Applications	3
DMS1061	Sonography Physics Review	1

SEMESTER 4

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
COM1400	Oral Communication	3
DMS1301	Sonography Clinical III	3

SEMESTER 5

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
DMS2050	Sonography Pathology	2
DMS2400	Sonography Clinical IV	3
SOC2020	Ethnic & Cultural Diversity	3
ENG1100	English Composition II	3

SEMESTER 6

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
DMS2500	Sonography Clinical V	3
DMS2041	Advanced Imaging Procedures	1
DMS2071	Sonography Review	2

To begin the enrollment process visit mtc.edu/admissions or contact us at enroll@mtc.edu

STUDENT: _____

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ADMISSION SCORING**

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: GPA x 10 pts. = Max 40 pts.

Minimum 2.5 accumulative grade point average. Most recent high school or college GPA will be used. Minimum 12 credit hours of college-level credits must be used to evaluate GPA. CCP student's high school GPA will combined and averaged with their college GPA.

OBSERVATION HOURS: 32 hours minimum. Minimum of 3 clinical sites required. Max 30 pts.

Mandatory 12 hours spent in DMS lab as mock patient or observation. This will count as 1 clinical site.

Completion of DMS 1001
and/or DMS 1010 = 8 observation hours awarded
per completed class

32 hours = 10 pts.		0-18 pts., based on 3 different
50 hours = 11 pts.		registered sonographers
75 hours = 12 pts.	+	recommendations

Total Observation Hour Pts. Awarded: _____

TECH PREP , CCP DMS CLASSES or ALLIED HEALTH DEGREE COMPLETION (RAD, PTA, OTA, MLT): 3 pts.

Completion of 2-year Health Technologies program with a final grade of "A" or "B"

DMS CURRICULUM: +5 pts. Bonus for completion of all listed courses

Strongly recommend to complete the following coursework prior to program application.

All coursework must be "C" or better.

+5 Bonus Awarded: _____

SCI 1200 Anat. & Phys. I

$$A = +10$$
$$B = +7$$
$$C = +5$$

SCI 1250 Anat. & Phys. II

$$A = +10$$
$$B = +7$$
$$C = +5$$

MTH 1240 Statistics

$$A = +10$$
$$B = +7$$
 $C = +5$

DMS 1001 Introduction to Sonography

$$A = +10$$
$$B = +7$$
$$C = +5$$

DMS 1010 Methods of Patient Care

$$A = +10$$
$$B = +7$$
 $C = +5$

ALH 1110 Medical Terminology

$$A = +10$$
$$B = +7$$
 $C = +5$

ALH 1190 Physics for Allied Health

$A = +10$

$$B = +7$$
$$C = +5$$

Total Curriculum Pts. Awarded:

SUBJECTIVE INTERVIEW ASSESSMENT: Max 35 pts.**USA STUDENT ASSESSMENT:** Max 36 pts.

Student could score negative (-) points in this category

ADMISSION ESSAY: Max 24 pts.**TOTAL APPLICANT SCORE:**

Marion Technical College

Allied Health Programs

I understand that prior to acceptance into an Allied Health program, I will be subject to a background check including, but not limited to, an analysis of fingerprints and review of all prior criminal records. The submission of any false information to Marion Technical College shall be cause for immediate dismissal from an Allied Health program.

Do you have **any** criminal background?

_____ YES

_____ NO

Signature of Student

Date of Birth

Printed Student Name

PowerCampus ID or Social Security

Date

