

## Admission Procedure and Advising Information for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound) Program for 2024/2025

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program has special admission criteria and limited enrollment. Applications for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program are accepted by the Admissions Office in February for the following fall semester. Applicants are responsible for ensuring the requirements are met and all necessary documentation is on file. Only complete files will be considered. The application can be found online **only** in the month of February at [www.jjc.edu](http://www.jjc.edu) under “[Campus News & Events](#)”. All students must meet the following prerequisites prior to application. Please read carefully to ensure all steps have been completed.

1. Current application to the college found at <https://www.jjc.edu/getting-started/admissions>. Must reapply each year.
2. Must meet residency requirements as defined by Joliet Junior College: <http://www.jjc.edu/getting-started/admissions/residency>.
3. High School transcript or GED on file with the Admissions Office verifying completion.
4. All college transcripts (other than JJC) must be evaluated and placed on record. **Transcripts must be submitted by January 15th**. Official college transcripts should be mailed to Joliet Junior College, Academic Credentials Office, 1215 Houbolt Road Joliet, IL 60431-8938. Students must complete the online Transcript Credit Evaluation Request form available at <https://www.jjc.edu/student-resources/registrar-office> in order to have their transcripts evaluated. Once your transcripts have been evaluated you will receive notification via your JJC email. This process can take 4 to 6 weeks. Students will get a notification that their transcripts have been received via their JJC email. Students should go to “My JJC” portal and check for updates under “Self-Service Menu”. Students are advised to call the Academic Credentials Office at 815-280-2389 if they don’t see their transfer credits in 3 weeks.
5. **Completion of BIO 250, MATH 131 (or MATH 128) and PHYS 110 (or PHYS 100) with a grade of “C” or better by the end of the fall semester.**
6. Minimum CUM GPA of 2.0 or above.
7. Completed the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) current version. TEAS must be completed at JJC in person by the last day of February, end of the day. Please select TEAS nursing when scheduling the exam.
  - **All JJC students are required to have the TEAS (version 7) scores on file. TEAS 6 scores are no longer accepted.**
  - **Students who score 86 or above on the TEAS Composite will be guaranteed admittance, contingent on the results of their background check and drug screening** when an application to the program is completed and the above requirements are met. In the event there are more students in the Guaranteed Admittance category than available seats, a ranking system will be used (see sonography ranking system criteria).
  - Students who score **below 86** on the TEAS Composite will be admitted using the ranking system (see sonography ranking system criteria below).
8. **All students are required to attend a mandatory information session prior to applying to the program (online or in-person).** This will be verified with the online verification form and the correct entry of the 3 secret words. ***This must be completed with every new application. Once the current application closes all information will be cleared and resubmission is required with the new application.*** Your application will not be valid without current recorded attendance.
9. **Applications for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program will be open for the month of February.**
10. **Compliance with the technical standards of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS).** Students must be able to complete the following: lift more than 50 pounds routinely; push and pull; bend and stoop routinely; have full use of both hands, wrists, and shoulders; distinguish a variation of audible sounds; adequately view sonograms, including color distinctions; work standing on their feet 80% of the time; interact compassionately and effectively with the sick or injured; assist patients on and off examining tables; communicate effectively with patients and other health care professionals; organize perform the individual steps in a proper sequence. For more information, visit <https://www.sdms.org/resources/careers>.

## DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY RANKING SYSTEM

- Admission to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program is determined by a point ranking system. Each eligible applicant is given a number for anonymity by the admissions office. Applications are sent to the Admissions Committee to be scored and ranked by the following criteria:
  1. GPA (calculated on courses required for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program only) – weighted 25%
  2. TEAS Composite (weighted 42%) and Math scores (weighted 8%). Qualified applicants are required to take the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). The ATI TEAS test must be completed by the last day of February. The TEAS exam can only be taken ONE time per semester. If the TEAS test is taken multiple times in a semester, the committee considers the FIRST score taken. If the TEAS exam is taken once a semester for multiple semesters the highest score will be taken. Students are only allowed **three attempts** at taking the TEAS exam within a **five-year period**. Please refer to the Testing Services webpage for more information regarding the ATI-TEAS test: <https://www.jjc.edu/student-resources/testing-services/tests-administered>. This must be taken on a JJC campus. While scheduling the exam please choose the nursing TEAS exam category.

• **Courses needed for the JJC Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program**

*Courses must be passed with C grades or higher.*

Possible Additional Prerequisites	General Education Courses- REQUIRED	Additional points toward admission
ENG 020, 021, 022  ENG 098, 099 MATH 090, 094, 095, 098 COUN 085 or 101  <i>This is dependent on college placement testing</i>	MATH 131 or 128 PSYC 101 BIO 250  BIO 251* BIO 149 or 151* ENG 101 or 102* PHYS 110 or 100*  <i>See * below</i>	Bio 251- 12% ENG 101 (102)- 4% PSYC 101- 4% Experience 5% Maximum will use only the highest active license. DMS*/RT- 5% RN- 4.2% Paramedic- 3.3% LPN- 2.8% MA/PCT- 1.5% CNA- 0.8%  <i>See * below</i>

3. Completion of general education classes from the above list are required. For the asterisk (\*) courses please see below for additional information.
  - ✓ *These additional general education courses are not required to be considered for admission but are required for completion of the AAS Degree and must be completed **BEFORE FALL**, the start of the program. Taking these courses prior to application will add points to the applicant's overall score if completed with a grade of "C" or better by the end of the fall semester.*
  - ✓ *Additional awarded points for DMS- Students that can provide transcripts of successful completion in a non-accredited sonography program will be allowed 5% points towards their admission ranking or previously held licensure from the above list.*

**TUITION:** For tuition information, please go to: <http://www.jjc.edu/getting-started/pay-school> under differential tuition.

**ACCREDITATION:** The JJC Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program in the Abdominal-Extended, OB/GYN and Vascular learning concentrations is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS). Website: [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org).

**PROGRAM ADVISING:** For your first steps call the [Student Advising Center](#) at 815-280-2673 to make an appointment to assist you with your individual educational planning. The next step is to schedule a 30-minute advising appointment with Bonnie Oleksy, Sonography Program Coordinator/Advisor by emailing [ultrasound@jjc.edu](mailto:ultrasound@jjc.edu) after your high school/college transcripts have been evaluated, and the completion the college placement testing (if required) and the completion of the TEAS exam.

**ADMISSION INFO:** For questions about admission qualification please contact Kathleen Cartwright, Admission Specialist at 815-280-2429 or email at [kcartwri@jjc.edu](mailto:kcartwri@jjc.edu). **For all general questions about the Sonography program please email [ultrasound@jjc.edu](mailto:ultrasound@jjc.edu)**

**NOTE:** Admission criteria is subject to change. It is the applicant's responsibility to review the criteria on a regular basis. Current 6/24

SONOGRAPHY WEB PAGE: [www.jjc.edu/info/dms](http://www.jjc.edu/info/dms).

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