

Students applying to the program can qualify under two tracks, either an Associate Degree or Certificate. Please read the qualifications for each, and contact the program director if you have questions regarding the best option for you or concerns about previously completed coursework. If you don't believe you meet the qualifications, please contact the director to evaluate potential options. Please see the last page for information regarding transfer credit.

Associate degree pre-requisites and selection process information

- Successful completion of high school or GED
- OR**
- Successful completion of a college degree in a non-medically related field with a GPA of 3.0 or better
- AND**
- Overall college GPA of 3.0 or better
- AND**
- Completion of the pre-requisite courses with a B average or better
- AND**
- Attendance at a DMS orientation session

Applications are due September 1st, and undergo a two-phase evaluation process. Phase I is scored based on the following:

A=10pts, B=5pts, C=2pts		Possible points
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	10
MATH 1220G	College Algebra	10
PHYS 1230G	General Physics	10
Or PHYS 1112	Introductory Physics for the Health Sciences	
Or RADT 105	Radiographic Physics and Equipment (special admission requirement)	
CHEM 1120G*	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and	10
Or CHEM 1215G*	Laboratory General Chemistry I	
BIOL 2210*	Human Anatomy and Physiology	10
AHS 120	Medical Terminology	10
Or HIT 150	Introduction to Medical Terminology	
		Max 60pts

**Students should earn a B or better in Biology and Chemistry courses to remain a viable candidate.*

The following are required for the Associate Degree but are not pre-requisites.

A = 5pts, B = 3pts		Possible points
ENGL 2210G	Professional & Technical Communication	5
Or COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
Or COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	5
Or SOCI 2310G	Contemporary Social Problems	
		Max 10pts

Plus applicable bonus points on page 3



Certificate track pre-requisites and selection process information

Completion of either:

- An associate degree in an allied health field which is medically related and involves human patient care (proof of current certification in one's allied health area is required)
 - *Note: Recent allied health graduates may apply for the DMS program before they take national registry examinations provided they schedule and pass their national examination before the start date of the program.*

OR

- A Bachelor of Science degree in a medically related field and includes courses in medical terminology and anatomy and physiology.

AND

- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
- College-level course in algebra (MATH 1220G or equivalent)
- College-level course in general physics (PHYS 1230G or equivalent), Introductory Physics for the Health Sciences (PHYS 1112) or Radiographic Physics (RADT 105 or equivalent)
- Attendance at a DMS orientation session

It is recommended that coursework in math and physics be within the last 5 years because these courses provide a foundation for the ultrasound physics and instrumentation course in this program.

Applicants with pre-requisite course work 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.

Students are selected based on a point system. This is a limited-entry program with the number of students chosen for the program determined by the available clinical internship positions and program accreditation standards. PLEASE NOTE THAT NOT ALL APPLICANTS WHO COMPLETE THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS ARE ADMITTED TO THE PROGRAM.

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PHASE I

Prerequisite degree GPA, plus applicable bonus points on page 3

3.8-4.0 = 70 pts.	3.5-3.7 = 65 pts.
3.3-3.4 = 60 pts.	3.0-3.2 = 55 pts.

The following bonus points apply to both the Associate and Certificate tracks and will be added to Phase I points. All bonus points require a minimum of one year, full-time experience* in direct, hands-on patient care and an active license where applicable.

Bonus points for field experience are as follows:

Minimum 1-year full-time employment/equivalent	Field experience points
ARDMS, ARRT(S), CCI	15
MD, DO, ARRT(RT), RN	10
Veterinary experience* > 2yrs.	5
CNA or other allied health patient care experience	5

Important note regarding bonus point coursework

Bonus points were previously offered for completion of BIOL 2225, BIOL 2505, BCIS 1110, and MATH 1350G. As of the 2024-25 catalog year, bonus point courses will no longer be advised.

Students who completed these bonus point courses prior to the 2024-25 catalog year will continue to receive bonus points for the next two application cycles. As of fall 2026, bonus points will no longer count for these courses, regardless of when they were completed.

Phase II: Invitation only

Phase II is for applicants who have scored very well in Phase I in either the Certificate or Associate track. It is by invitation only and is conducted via response to a written prompt, as well as an interview to identify personal strengths and/or weaknesses related to essential qualifications, competencies, and functions for professional diagnostic medical sonographers.

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Transfer Credit- Pre-requisites

Students transferring pre-requisite credit must apply to DACC and provide all official college transcripts for evaluation prior to application to the program, and the institution determines transferability based on accreditation of the outside institution and comparable course offerings. Courses that are lower in credit value or subject material will not satisfy pre-requisite requirements. Due to the scoring system for applications, pre-requisite courses cannot be waived, and can only be substituted for a course that meets or exceeds the requirement. Please contact the program director after completion of your transcript evaluation to ensure any additional substitutions are identified.

Transfer Credit- Sonography coursework

Students that have completed sonography coursework at another CAAHEP accredited program may be eligible to transfer into the sonography program at DACC and receive credit for equivalent courses. Equivalency is awarded on a course-by-course basis, and is determined based on the catalog description, course outline, content comparison, and credit hours earned. To receive transfer credit, students must demonstrate proficiency via didactic examination and/or a clinical skills evaluation. DMS courses are offered once per year, so a transfer student may be required to wait until the next regular offering to complete a course, potentially extending their graduation time frame.

Transfer students are placed on probation for the first semester to ensure the student's level of knowledge and competence in the clinical area, and will be promoted to regular standing following completion of one semester with grades of C or higher.

Acceptance of transfer students is contingent on clinical site availability.