



Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Application Checklist

- Clark State College application
- DMS program application
- Submission confirming healthcare experience (if applicable) via the DMS program application
- Transfer transcripts (if applicable)
- Signed certification of ability to meet technical standards
- Volunteer Hours

Choose One

- Observation Hours

or

- Interview with a Sonographer or Interpreting Physician

- All required documentation can be found on the DMS program webpage.
- All required documentation should be submitted on the program application or before submitting the program application, unless prior approval is obtained from the DMS Program Coordinator.

More Information:

Please contact Megan Platfoot, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, at platfootm@clarkstate.edu or 937-328-7970.



Diagnostic Medical Sonography Acknowledgment Checklist

I UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

Program Prerequisites

All coursework within the DMS program must be completed with a C or higher within 5 years of starting the program.

- I understand the following classes have to be completed by spring semester of the year you are applying (check, if completed)
- FYE 1100: College Success
 - ENG 1111: English Composition I
 - PHY 1100: Fundamentals of Physics
 - BIO 2121: Anatomy and Physiology I
 - STT 2640: Elementary Statistics I

Student GPA (most recent attempt in above courses to apply): _____

Additional courses:

Do not need to be completed in order to apply.

- PSY 1111: Introduction to Psychology
- BIO 2122 (within the last 5 years): Anatomy and Physiology II
- MST 1101 (within the last 5 years): Introduction to Healthcare
- MST 1105 (within the last 5 years): Medical Terminology
- ENG 1112: English Composition II

Students are encouraged to complete as many of the courses above prior to entering the clinical portion of the DMS program

APPLICATION WINDOW (December-February for Fall Start): _____

Documentation Needed:

- HS Transcript on file
- Official transcripts from other colleges on file if bringing in transfer credits
- CPR documentation, if applicable
- [Certification of Ability to Meet Technical Standards](#)

In addition to academic requirements, students must choose one of the following options prior to submitting their application:

- [Observation Hours](#)

or

- [Interview a Healthcare Worker](#)

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

The Clark State College Diagnostic Medical Sonography program has technical standards required of students. Technical standards refer to the physical, communication, mental, behavioral and social abilities required for satisfactory completion of the directed practice courses. These abilities are needed to ensure patient safety, provide accurate diagnostic information and function as a professional sonographer in the classroom, laboratory and clinical settings.

Clark State's DMS program is committed to attracting and educating students who will make the population of DMS professionals' representative of the national population. We actively collaborate with students to develop innovative ways to ensure accessibility and create a respectful accountable culture through our confidential disability accommodation process. We encourage students with disabilities to disclose and seek accommodations. All students must be able to meet the technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodations, as a condition of participation in the DMS program. Students should be aware that an accommodation that has been approved as reasonable for classroom instruction may not be reasonable in a clinical instruction. If a student is in need of reasonable accommodations for clinical, they should request those accommodations through the Office of Accessibility Services at least 1 week prior to the start of clinical. The DMS program faculty will work with the Office of Accessibility Services to determine if the student can be reasonably accommodated during clinical instruction and meet the technical requirements of the DMS program. Faculty will implement classroom and/or clinical accommodations after the student submits the approved OAS accommodation letter to the faculty member.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Able to be in one place for long periods of time, move frequently and maneuver equipment and stretchers in a dimmed room
- Understand information crucial for the safe, effective care and treatment of patients
- Communicate with patients to assess their needs and discuss patient evaluation with other healthcare providers
- Perform fine and gross motor skills with both hands
- Observe and assess changes in patient conditions
- Discriminate shades of gray and color distinction and assess images in two- and three-dimensional planes
- Ability to observe patients, manipulate equipment and evaluate sonographic quality
- Lift up to 50 lbs. and support 175 lbs. to ensure patient safety
- Transfer patients to and from wheelchairs, stretchers or beds

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibit effective interpersonal skills with patients, fellow students, faculty and members of a health care team
- Assess non-verbal communication of patients
- Comprehend and respond to instructions and requests
- Converse with patients in an empathetic, ethical and confidential manner
- Understand and convey information essential for the safe and effective care of patients

MENTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Think abstractly, comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand spatial relationships
- Measure, calculate, rationalize, analyze, integrate and synthesize according to established procedure and standards of speed and accuracy
- Make appropriate decisions in routine and emergency situations, and in situations not clearly governed by set procedures

BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Demonstrate good judgment in decision making
- Complete responsibilities related to diagnosis and care of patients without risk to self or others
- Follow established protocols
- Develop mature, sensitive and effective relationships with patients and others
- Function effectively under stress and adapt to changing environments
- Tolerate mentally and emotionally taxing workloads
- Display integrity, compassion, equity, and concern for others
- Exhibit professional skills at all times in the clinical and didactic setting
- Demonstrate respect for diverse populations
- Display the emotional/psychological ability to effectively perform the duties of a sonographer

The work of a sonographer involves risks or discomfort that requires special safety precautions, additional safety education, and health risk monitoring (i.e., infectious disease). Students are required to use protective clothing or gear such as masks, protective eyewear, gloves and gowns.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, contact the Office of Accessibility Services at 937-328-6019 or accessibility@clarkstate.edu. Although a student's self-identification as a person with a disability is voluntary, the DMS program will only accommodate those who present an accommodation letter approved by the Clark State Office of Accessibility Services.



Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Certification of Ability to Meet Technical Standards

I have read and understand the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Technical Standards. I am able to meet these technical standards with or without reasonable accommodations. If reasonable accommodations are required, I will contact the Office of Accessibility Services at 937-328-6019 or accessibility@clarkstate.edu prior to the start of the program. Upon notification from the Office of Accessibility Services, I will provide DMS program faculty with documentation for all approved accommodations.

Name (Print): _____ **Student ID #:** _____

Name (Sign): _____ **Date:** _____

If you are unable to determine whether you are able to meet the technical standards with or without reasonable accommodations, or if you require additional information before signing this certification, please contact Megan Platfoot, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, at platfootm@clarkstate.edu.

**Clark State College – Diagnostic Medical Sonography
2026 Competitive Admission Scoring Rubric**

The DMS Program Admissions Committee reserves the right to determine and calculate rubric scores. Required forms are available on the DMS Program webpage. All application materials must be submitted by the stated deadline.

Applicant Name:	Student ID#:	
Criteria	Possible Points	Applicant's Points
GPA in the required prerequisite courses in the DMS curriculum: PHY 1100 BIO 2121 STT 2640 ENG 1111	2.50-2.74 = 1 2.75-3.00 = 2 3.01-3.24 = 3 3.25-3.50 = 4 3.51-3.74 = 5 3.75-4.00 = 6	
Points for submitting the Technical Standards Certification form prior to the application deadline	Submitted = 1	
Points for submitting the Student Sonographer Interview form or Observation Hours form prior to the application deadline	Submitted = 1	
Points for submitting the Volunteer Hours form prior to the application deadline	Submitted = 1	
Points for successful completion of: PHY 1100 BIO 2121 STT 2640 ENG 1111 at Clark State College with a grade of C or higher. Must be the course used to calculate GPA in the rubric.	2 courses = 1 4 courses = 2	
Documented healthcare experience in the past two years of the application deadline.	Submitted = 1	
Total Points		/12