

HEALTH SCIENCES SONOGRAPHY PROGRAM

and

- an Associate of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography from Alvernia University.

Credit Breakdown

- 47 diagnostic medical sonography credits
- 33 general education credits
- 80 credits total

Lambda Nu National Honor Society

The Medical Imaging program at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences established the Pennsylvania Sigma Chapter of the Lambda Nu National Honor Society for Radiologic and Imaging Sciences. Exceptional students, faculty, and alumni are recognized for their honor, integrity, and academic achievement when they qualify to Lambda Nu.

Career Mobility

Graduates looking to advance their professional skills can pursue Alvernia University's Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Science or Healthcare Administration. Courses are offered in blended and online formats to allow our graduates to maintain employment while earning their advanced degree.

Accreditation

The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (www.jrcdms.org).

CAAHEP is located at: 9355 113th St. N #7709, Seminole, FL 33775, Phone: 727-210-2350, Fax: 727-210-2354

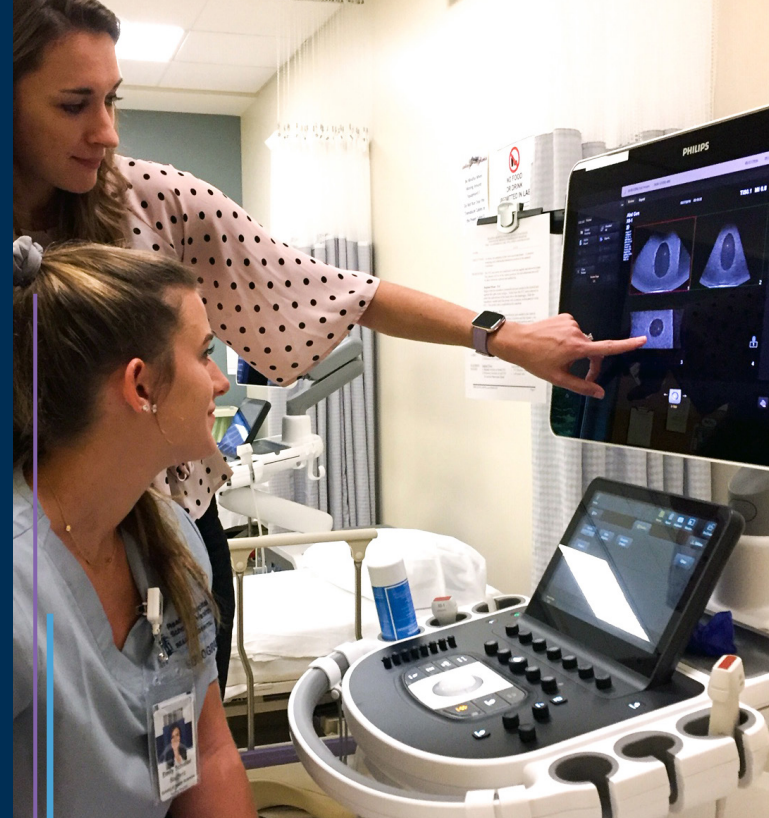
Program and Effectiveness Data

For more information on pass rates and program effectiveness data, go to <https://stmlreadinghealthncus001.blob.core.windows.net/public/RHSHS%20DMS%20Program%20Effectiveness%20Data%20Published%20to%20Website%202022%20Data.pdf>.



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DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY PROGRAM



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The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program offers students exceptional classroom and clinical experiences in preparation to provide compassionate, ethical, and evidence-based patient care when delivering Diagnostic Medical Sonography imaging services and student learning outcomes.

Program Overview

The 27-month Diagnostic Medical Sonography program, which begins each January, leads to an Associate in Science degree is a cooperative degree program between Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences (RHSHS) and Alvernia University. Graduates of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program are eligible to apply for the national credentialing exams through the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) upon meeting specific requirements.

Program Goal

To prepare competent entry-level sonographers in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains for the following concentrations offered: Abdominal sonography - Extended and Obstetrics and Gynecology sonography.



Dual Enrollment with Alvernia University

Students who enroll in the hospital-based Diagnostic Medical Sonography program offered at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences are simultaneously enrolled in Alvernia University's Associate of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography degree program. Dually enrolled students who successfully complete all aspects of Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Diagnostic Medical Sonography curriculum are eligible to graduate with two awards, each conferred by their respective institution:

- a Certificate in Diagnostic Medical Sonography from Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences,

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY PROGRAM FAQ



What is Diagnostic Medical Sonography?

Diagnostic Medical Sonography, often called sonography or ultrasound, is a non-invasive imaging modality that is used to visualize various structures and organs within the body. Most commonly, it is known for its use in pregnancy to monitor the growth and well-being of the fetus; however, it can also be used to understand the health of the heart, abdomen, vascular and musculoskeletal systems. A registered technologist, or diagnostic medical sonographer, operates highly specialized equipment that utilizes sound waves to produce images of internal organs, blood vessels, and other structures of interest.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects 12% growth in the field of diagnostic medical sonography within the next 10 Years. Employment of diagnostic medical sonographers is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations as the population grows and ages, increasing the demand for diagnostic imaging and therapeutic technology.

Is the Program Accredited?

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Do you offer shadowing experiences to see if Diagnostic Medical Sonography is a good fit for me before applying?

Yes. The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Shadow Program provides individuals with an opportunity to shadow ultrasound technologists and observe ultrasound procedures firsthand in Reading Hospital's Radiology Department or observe Diagnostic Medical Sonography courses in the classroom and/or lab environment at the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.

Shadowing experiences at Reading Hospital's Radiology Department are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Observations in classes at the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences are scheduled as availability permits. **For more information, or to schedule a shadowing experience, please call 484-628-0200.**

Where is the program located?

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is located in Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences. The School is adjacent to Reading Hospital in West Reading, Pennsylvania. Clinical experiences are scheduled within Tower Health facilities.

What are the admission requirements?

Students seeking admission to the program must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States or provide documentation of permanent residency or working status.
2. Have a high school diploma or other state-authorized examination. The school does not admit students on the ability-to-benefit testing process.
3. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5. Preferred consideration is given to applicants with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher. At minimum, applicants must show proof of 16 units and an earned grade of "C" or better in the following high school subjects:

- English: 4 units
- Social Studies: 3 units
- Mathematics: 3 units, including Algebra I
- Science: 3 units, including Physics or Chemistry/Lab (Physics is preferred)

Applicants may be required to validate minimum admission requirements through college-level coursework.

4. Successful completion of an interview, which is granted by the Program Director to the best qualified candidates.
5. TOEFL paper-based score of 560 or internet-based score of 83 (if applicable). TOEFL Essentials scores will be considered on an individual basis.
6. Submission of two official School of Health Sciences reference forms. Please note: Applicants will need to use the official School of Health Sciences reference forms when applying for admission. The reference form for the DMS Program should be completed by a current or past employer, a supervisor, a teacher/instructor, a counselor and/or clergy.

In addition to the minimum requirements, candidates who demonstrate "above average" educational potential will be considered for preferred admission based on a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, earned "B" or better in college level coursework in Mathematics, Biology, and English or Communications. Additionally, the program will consider recommendations with confidence rating and exemplary demonstration of communication and interpersonal skills during the formal admission interview.

Students must possess certain physical and mental attributes to be able to complete the curriculum. Please review the Essential Functions at <https://reading.towerhealth.org/app/files/public/8219125e-7fbb-4df5-b9c1-bece2f515576/dms-essential-functions.pdf> prior to applying to the program. A student must meet these expectations with or without reasonable accommodation.



A numeric evaluation system is used during the admission process to objectively determine the suitability of each candidate.

Acceptance is contingent upon submitting all post-acceptance documents, approved background checks, health information, and fees in accordance with established deadlines.

For additional details about the admission process, please refer to the school's webpage for Selective Admissions Policy at <https://reading.towerhealth.org/app/files/public/03707a5d-e1cc-47be-9e6e-1173fe179ede/300%20Selective%20Admissions%20SHS%202023%20-3-27.pdf>.

When does the program admit classes?

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program admits a new class every January.

What is the application deadline?

The application deadline for January enrollment is June 1 or when qualified student capacity has been reached.

Do you provide Financial Resources?

For information on current tuition and fees, please go to <https://reading.towerhealth.org/financial-information/>. Resources and financial payment options are available by contacting the Financial Aid Office at 484-628-0106 or Student Accounts at 484-628-0102.

How do I get started?

We welcome visits through formal events and personal appointments. To register for an event or to schedule an appointment with an admissions representative, please call 484-628-0100 or email: RHSHS@towerhealth.org. Directions to our school are located at <https://reading.towerhealth.org/app/files/public/5621/sohs-campus-map-brochure.pdf>.