

## Basic Patient Care Experience Prerequisite to DMS

Applicants must demonstrate health care experience sufficient for developing an understanding of the sonographer role, the health care environment, and their own aptitude for the sonography profession.

Direct patient care experience is necessary to ensure a level of proficiency needed to be successful in the sonography program. Applicants should be able to demonstrate knowledge and application of the following:

- Anticipate and respond to the needs of the patient
  - Demonstrate age-related and cultural competence
  - Demonstrate appropriate patient care in settings outside the sonography department
- Transport and transfer patients with support equipment; oxygen, IV lines/pumps, urinary catheters, drainage tubes
- Vital signs
- Color, skin integrity
- Clinical history
- Proper patient positioning and draping
- Comfort
- Privacy
- Life threatening situations and implementation of emergency care as permitted by institutional policy
- Reporting and documentation of incidents and/or adverse reactions

A minimum of 100 hours is required. Patient Care experience may be met by one of the following:

