



Application Process for UW Health School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography

1. Prerequisite Course Requirements – do not need to be completed all courses prior to application but a plan to finish prior to starting the clinical program is required.
 - a. Communications – Public Speaking encouraged
 - b. Human Anatomy and Physiology (2 semesters preferred) with lab component
 - c. Mathematics (algebra, statistics, or higher)
 - d. Medical Terminology
 - e. Pathophysiology
 - f. Physics
2. Patient Care Experience - Certificate/Course is due prior to application
 - a. Patient Care Hours Form Completed with signatures
 - b. Official PDF job description from place of employment
 - i. Handwritten descriptions will not be accepted
 - c. See separate document for acceptable patient care experiences
 - i. Home health patient care hours will not be accepted
 - d. Additional 100 patient care hours must be completed prior to application
 - i. Note: Applicants with more than the following hours do earn additional points on their score sheets
 1. >250 hours = 1 point
 2. >1000 hours = 2 points
3. All Transcripts submitted with application; all attempts of coursework may be considered as an average on the application assessment form.
4. GPA
 - Overall average of all required courses must be 3.0 or better
 - A minimum of “C” or better is required for each individual course
 - 3.0 GPA or better in the following areas
 - Science - specifically anatomy & physiology I & II; chemistry; biology; microbiology; genetics; embryology, pathophysiology
5. Job Shadowing
 - a. Minimum of 8 hours total
 - i. Exams must include:
 1. 2 echocardiograms
 2. 2 vascular ultrasound exams
 3. 2 abdomen ultrasound exams
 4. 2 obstetric OR gynecology ultrasound exams
 - b. Additional points on application score sheet for more than 8 hours
 - c. See Job Shadow Observation Verification Form for specifics

6. Submit an Autobiographical Statement
 - a. Essay should be 200 words or fewer and include answers to the questions below. Utilize your job shadow experience and notes from your research on sonography to help you.
 - i. How would you define the role of the sonographer?
 - ii. Why is sonography a good career path for you?
 - iii. Are you interested in General/Vascular or Echocardiography/Vascular and why?
 - iv. What experiences have helped you prepare for a sonography program?
 - b. Use Times New Roman font style.
 - c. Type in with 12-point font, double-spaced, signed, and dated by the applicant to verify authenticity.
 - d. Write in complete sentences with proper grammar. The essay will be graded on sentence structure, complete thoughts, and your ability to answer the questions completely.
 - e. See the rubric attached.
7. American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography prescreening acknowledgement
8. Complete Application with signature
9. Submit Application with \$50 fee
 - a. Online credit card payment required
 - i. Reapplicants must pay again as a processing fee
 - b. UWHealth is PCI compliant, no data is stored

Timeline

- Fall Semester 2026
 - Open House – In-person – Oct 10, 2026 – 10am – 12pm
 - Open House – Virtual – Oct 22, 2026 – 6pm-7pm
- Students should be paying application fee to UWHC by Dec 31st, 2026
- All applications and transcripts due electronically to UWHC School of DMS by January 15, 2027
 - We will not process if they're missing anything as that date is too late for us
- January: Applications Reviewed by UWHC School of DMS
- Late January/Early February: Interview Invites Extended via university emails.
- Early March: Interviews conducted on March 5, 8, and 10, 2027
- Friday, March 12: Students are invited to start their clinical education at UWHealth in the following fall semester.
- Monday, March 15: Students must accept invitation to start clinical education and submit \$150 fee
- May/June - Students:
 - Respond to all emails for proper communication
 - Register and pay for on boarding platform –My Clinical Exchange
 - Follow up instructions given after registration
 - Submit spring transcripts
 - Schedule physicals and drug tests with UWHealth Employee Health
- UWHealth New Employee Orientation
 - Date: August 2027, exact date pending
- UWHC School of DMS Orientation
 - August 23 – 26, 2027
- Fall Semester 2026
 - August 30 – December 17, 2027