

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Two-Year Program Leading to a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Required Prerequisite Courses for Application into Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Application for Fall 2025

Applicants may apply with a maximum of three missing prerequisite courses, but only one of those may be a science prerequisite.

Prerequisite courses may be taken at any regionally accredited college/university with a grade of C or better. Courses are listed using the Texas Common Course Numbering System (tccns.org).

Admissions into the program is highly competitive. Learn more at mdanderson.org/SHPPapply.

| COURSE TITLE | TCCNS COURSE NUMBER | SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| English Composition I | ENGL 1301 | 3 |
| English Composition II | ENGL 1302 | 3 |
| <i>Mathematics Core</i> College Algebra or higher | MATH 1314 | 3 |
| <i>Language, Philosophy and Culture Core</i> Courses in humanities, literature, philosophy, modern or classical language, cultural studies or equivalent | | 3 |
| <i>Creative Arts Core</i> Courses in arts, dance, music appreciation, music, drama or equivalent | | 3 |
| United States History I | HIST 1301 | 3 |
| United States History II | HIST 1302 | 3 |
| Federal Government | GOVT 2305 | 3 |
| Texas Government | GOVT 2306 | 3 |
| <i>Social and Behavioral Science Core</i> Courses in anthropology, economics, psychology, sociology, social work or equivalent | | 3 |
| Anatomy and Physiology I, including lab | BIOL 2401 or BIOL 2301+2101 | 4 |
| Anatomy and Physiology II, including lab | BIOL 2402 or BIOL 2302+2102 | 4 |
| College Physics I, including lab | PHYS 1401 or PHYS 1301+1101 | 4 |
| Total number of semester credit hours | | 42 |



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. When do I turn in my admission application for Fall 2025?

The application will be available starting September 15, 2024. You should submit the application, transcripts of each college attended, essay and three professional recommendation forms before the priority deadline of February 1, 2025. To ensure documents are received before the priority deadline, it's recommended that you apply months before the deadline.

2. Can I apply for Spring or Summer admissions?

No. Students enter the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program once a year in the Fall semester.

3. I'm not finished with all the prerequisite courses. Can I still apply for admission?

Yes, you may apply with a maximum of three missing prerequisite courses, but only one of those may be a science prerequisite. The more prerequisite courses you completed at the time of application, the better.

For this purpose, please note that a science course with a corresponding lab, is considered one course and not two courses, e.g. Human Anatomy and Physiology lecture and lab.

4. What are the required science prerequisite courses?

- Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- College Physics I

5. What factors are considered in the [admission process](#)?

Admissions to the program is highly competitive and holistic. This means that an admissions committee will look at all the factors below when admitting a student. Meeting the minimum requirement does not guarantee acceptance.

- (1) A minimum of 2.50 in all three areas: Overall GPA, science GPA and prerequisite GPA
- (2) Number of completed prerequisite courses at the time of application, especially in sciences
- (3) Essay (the essay prompt will appear on the online admission application)
- (4) Three Professional Recommendation Forms
- (5) Interview
- (6) Attendance at the [Diagnostic Medical Sonography Information Session](#)

6. When will I receive my admission decision?

Completed applications that meet all minimum admission factors will be contacted for an interview. An admissions decision will be completed near April 2025.

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7. I was accepted for Fall 2025 to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. Due to a few lacking prerequisite courses, I was accepted into the program conditionally. When is the deadline to complete my outstanding prerequisite courses?

By the first day of enrollment in the School of Health Professions, you can have a maximum of three missing prerequisite courses, but only one of those may be a science prerequisite. All outstanding prerequisite courses must be completed no later than August 2026. Our recommendation is to finish the course(s) as soon as possible.

8. How do I learn more about the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program?

Attend a monthly information session. You will gain valuable information on the application process and program curriculum. Attending the information session is also a requirement for application to the program. View the information session dates and times [here](#).

9. I already hold a bachelors degree. Can I apply for this program?

Yes, you can apply. Upon graduation you will earn a second bachelors degree.

10. I already hold a bachelors degree. Can you waive all the prerequisite courses?

No, despite holding a prior degree, prerequisite requirements cannot be waived. However, applicable courses from your prior degree may be used toward the prerequisite requirements.

11. Where is the School located?

The School is located at 1515 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030 inside MD Anderson's Main Building.

12. What is a clinical internship?

As part of the learning process, you will complete approximately 1,000 hours of a guided clinical internship. Clinical internships allow you to apply your knowledge gained from the classroom and labs to the real life medical setting.

13. When I graduate, what degree will I earn?

You will earn a bachelor of science degree from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

14. What does it mean to hold credentials in sonography?

Upon graduation, you will have the opportunity to take the credentialing exam offered by the [American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography](#). Certification distinguishes you as an expert in your field and demonstrates that you have the cutting-edge knowledge and skills needed to provide top care to your patients. Passing the credentialing exam can result in improved job prospects and higher salaries. You will be credentialed as a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer, and qualify to take the specialization examinations in abdomen (AB), Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) and Vascular (VT).