



DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY STUDENT APPLICATION

All application Materials Must be Received by **September 30**

The completed application can be submitted via this website, by mail, fax or email

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For the application to be considered complete, applicant must also submit:

- \$35.00 non-refundable application fee made payable to Trinity Health
- Official High School Transcript/GED Certificate
- Official College Transcripts (to include posted grades of **most current** semester)
- ACT Scores: 20 or greater (scores printed on High School Transcript acceptable)
- Signed Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technical Standards form
- Completed Clinical Observation Form (minimum of 4 hours observation in ultrasound with a registered sonographer)
- Completed application to college/university and be fully accepted (degree seeking applicants only)
- Criminal background check and drug screening

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Permanent Mailing Address: _____
Street Address
City State Zip Code

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Education Information (Include all high schools, colleges, universities attended)

Name of Institution, City, State	From	To	Diploma/Degree/Major Courses

Employment Information (list most recent first, include military history)

Company/Organization Name, Address, Phone with area code	From	To	Position and Reason for Leaving

Specialized training/certifications/healthcare job shadow experience

Company/Organization Name, Address, Phone with area code	From	To	Description

Recommendations

List name, position title, mailing address, email address and 10-digit telephone number of three **non-relative** recommendation providers to include (1) an employment reference (2) an academic reference and (3) a personal reference. The individuals will be invited to complete a recommendation form. You should notify your recommenders in advance that he/she will be receiving an email from Trinity Health, email address *example@trinityhealth.org*, with subject line "Personal Reference Form", along with instructions on how to complete and return an attached form. If your recommenders use a spam blocking tool, please ask them to add this email address to their list of known/safe addresses. Completed forms can be returned via mailing, email or fax by stated due date. You do not need to wait for your recommenders to submit their forms before submitting your application.

Under the *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974*, students have access to their education record, including letters of recommendation. However, students may waive their right to see letters of evaluation, in which case the letters will be held in confidence. **Do you wish to waive your right to examine letters of recommendation? Yes No**

1. Name: _____ Position or Title: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
2. Name: _____ Position or Title: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
3. Name: _____ Position or Title: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Clinical Observation Form

The DMS program requires that applicants complete a minimum of four (4) quality hours of observation experience in a sonography department of a licensed/accredited health care facility. Applicants interested in completing observation experience at Trinity Health may contact the DMS Program Director for assistance. By quality experience we mean actual time spent observing sonographic procedures, not time spent observing department "down time". Credit should not be given for anything outside of patient care activities (i.e., lunch, secretarial duties, videos, etc.). Trinity Health requests that you dress appropriately for your observation visit(s). Business casual attire (dress slacks, conservative blouse/shirt) is recommended. A visit for observation may be denied by any sonography department based on what department personnel deem inappropriate attire. Please refer to the **Trinity Health DMS Program Clinical Observation Form** and follow instructions to complete for verification and documentation.

Essay

Your application essay will be used by the Admission Committee to evaluate your interest, understanding of and special qualifications in your chosen field of study. Please answer the following questions using 300-500 words.

1. How did you become interested in diagnostic medical sonography? Describe any observational or training experience(s) you have had and what you learned about the career from the experience(s)

2. What are your career objectives or goals within the field?

3. How has your previous education or training prepared you for your career choice? What awards, academic honors or scholarships have you received that might apply to your chosen field? What school or community activities have you participated in?

4. Describe one of the most rewarding experiences of your life.

5. Describe personal qualities or experiences that make you a competitive candidate for this program.

I certify that the statements on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application.

Date

Applicant Signature

Thank you for your interest in our program. All applications are scored, based on academic performance, employment and volunteer experiences. Applicants meeting the acceptance criteria will be invited for an onsite interview.



DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY TECHNICAL STANDARDS

To assist in making a decision about pursuing this program, the following is a general overview of the physical requirements, working conditions and job duties of a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer.

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers

Sonographers use specialized equipment to create images of structures inside the human body to help physicians make a medical diagnosis. This process involves placing a small device called a transducer against the patient's skin near the body area to be imaged. It sends high frequency sound waves into the body that reflect back to the transducer from internal structures.

Sonography is usually performed in small, dark exam rooms, at patient bedsides, in emergency rooms or operating rooms. Sonographers may be required to work various shifts to provide 24-hour coverage, including early morning day, evening and night shifts. Shifts may be 8, 10 or 12 hours in length. Some facilities will also require sonographers to be on call. Sonographers must be able to tolerate physical and emotional stress while still being able to function effectively and compassionately with sick and injured patients. The sonographer must be able to conceptualize and comprehend multi-dimensional screen. Most facilities will require sonographers to be credentialed after successfully completing a sonography principles and instrumentation (SPI) examination and a specialty examination. The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) are two such credentialing agencies. Additionally, some states have licensure requirements for sonographers.

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers are expected to have the ability to:

- Communicate clearly, promptly and effectively via speech, reading and writing in English
- Regularly talk and hear
- Regularly stand, walk, sit, kneel, squat, bend/stoop, use hands and fingers to handle or feel
- Routinely push/pull with good body mechanics, 20 lbs constantly (67 – 100%), over 50 lbs frequently (34-66%), over 100 lbs occasionally (0-33%)
- Routinely lift, carry and/or move using good body mechanics, 10 lbs constantly (67 – 100%), 25 lbs frequently (34-66%) and 50 lbs occasionally (0-33%)
- Have full use of both hands, wrists and shoulders to perform fine and gross activities, manipulate or handle objects and operate equipment
- Assist patients on and off exam tables
- Distinguish audible sounds
- Distinguish multiple shades of grey and color

Source: www.sdms.org and local job descriptions

By signing below, I am acknowledging I have read the above information and understand the general physical requirements, working conditions and job duties typically associated with a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer.

Furthermore, my signature signifies that I believe I meet the above minimum technical standards and that as part of final acceptance to the program, I will be required to have a physical exam by a physician/licensed practitioner of my choice and at my own expense as verification.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____