

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DISCLOSURE

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY (DMS)

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) will prepare students for a dynamic career in sonography (ultrasound). Professionals in DMS, also known simply as sonographers, use sound waves to obtain images of organs and tissues in the body. During an ultrasound examination, the sonographer places a device called a transducer in contact with the patient's body. The transducer emits high frequency sound waves that pass through the body, sending back "echoes" as they bounce off organs and tissue. Specialized equipment then converts those echoes into visual data in the form of medical images, depicting the anatomy of interest.

Credential: Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS)

The American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) administers a national certification examination. DMS students are eligible to apply for the Sonography Physics and Instrumentation (SPI) examination during the last semester of the program. Once successfully passing the SPI, graduates are then eligible to apply for the Abdomen (AB), and/or Obstetric/Gynecologic (OB/GYN) specialty examinations. After initial certification, registrants must earn 30 continuing education credits every three years to maintain registration of their certification(s).

<https://www.ardms.org/get-certified/rdms/>

The DMS program provides educational eligibility for state licensure in North Dakota.

<https://www.ndmirtboard.com/lic/index.asp>

There are four states that require licensing for sonography:

- New Hampshire
- New Mexico
- North Dakota
- Oregon

These states require licensure applicants to provide a current registry card as documentation of registration and certification in sonography. The DMS program graduates are eligible to apply for a two-year Conditional License in North Dakota if they are working toward completing the appropriate registry(s) in sonography.

https://www.ndmirtboard.com/www/download_resource.asp?id=704

Contact Information for Other Licensing Boards:

- American Samoa Official Portal of the Government -
<https://www.americansamoa.gov/>



- Northern Mariana Islands Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) - <https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board/>
- Guam Board of Examiners for Allied Health - <https://guamhplo.org/boards-commissions/hplo/guam-board-allied-health-examiners>
- Puerto Rico Department of Health - <http://www.salud.gov.pr>
- Virgin Islands Department of Health - <https://doh.vi.gov/office-of-professional-licensure-and-health-planning/>
- Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Department of Health & Social Affairs - <https://hsa.gov.fm/>
- Marshall Islands Ministry of Health and Human Services - <https://rmihealth.org/>
- Palau Ministry of Health - <https://www.palauhealth.org/>