



Diagnostic Medical Sonography APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Weber State University | Dumke College of Health Professions

Emphases include: Cardiac or Medical

Application Deadline:
January 10 of every year

Program Begins:
Fall semester of each academic year

Students who have the following done have the best chances of being accepted into the program:

- Applied and been accepted to Weber State University (If not, go to Weber.edu and click Apply).
- Is your college/university overall cumulative GPA at least **2.0**? (*A strong GPA helps, average is 3.5*).
- Completed below prerequisite courses and all general education requirements.
- Completed Radiologic Technology program and are ARRT certified, or have a BS degree (*any major*), OR an AS degree in Health Sciences with relevant healthcare experience.
- Experience in healthcare (*patient care preferred*).

To be eligible to **start** the program, you need your Associate's degree and the following courses:

Science Option 1

- HTHS 1110 Int. Anatomy/Physiology I
- HTHS 1111 Int. Anatomy/Physiology II

OR

Science Option 2

- ZOOL 2320 Human Anatomy (*formerly 2100*)
- ZOOL 2420 Human Physiology (*formerly 2200*)

Prior to starting the Sonography program, the following support courses should be complete:

- English 1010 or 1005 or 1006 & 1007
- Psychology 1010
- Math QL**
- General Education requirements
- English 2010 or 2015
- Communication 1020 or 2110

*If you have a previous AS/BS degree the support courses are complete.

**See Weber.edu/wsuiimages/placement/math-path-2023.pdf for Math placement information.

Submit a completed application by **January 10**. Applications are available online at Weber.edu/radsci.

Once I am qualified, how do I improve my chances of getting accepted?

- Grades are considered during the selection process, especially Science Option courses (HTHS 1110 & 1111 or ZOOL 2320 & 2420). Average GPA of accepted students is a 3.5, with grades of 'B+' or higher in the Science Option courses.
- Applicants who have completed the Radiologic Technology program and are ARRT certified may receive highest consideration because many clinical sites prefer students with multiple certifications in diverse modalities. Next considered, are applicants who have earned a BS degree and/or an AS degree with relevant healthcare experience.
- Relevant healthcare experience and/or education may be accomplished with an AS degree when a student completes the Cardiology Technician (EKG) Certificate (RADT 1012, 1013, 1014, and 1025) <https://weber.edu/RadSci/ekg.html>, or Radiography Limited License (LPT) (RADT 1021, 1023, 1024, and 1025) <https://weber.edu/RadSci/lpt.html> through WSU Health Sciences Radiologic Sciences track.
- Be sure that your most recent semester grades are posted on your transcript. Do not submit your application until your final grades have posted from Fall Semester.
- For the interview process, it is ideal to get first-hand experience in a hospital or healthcare setting whereby you can shadow a sonographer, volunteer, or work as a healthcare employee. If this type of experience is unavailable, it is highly recommended that applicants interview a sonographer to learn about the profession and a sonographer's professional responsibilities.

Frequently asked questions:

How do my credits transfer from other institutions?

The best thing to do is to become a Weber State student and submit your transcripts for evaluation. Then you'll know exactly what they equal. There is the Weber.edu/transferguide to search for courses from other regionally-accredited colleges/universities to see how those courses *may* transfer to Weber State University.

I am just starting, what courses should I register for?

Depending on Math and English placement (*please refer to your Cat Tracks for more information*).

MATH (*depending on placement*)

ENGL (*depending on placement*)

HTHS 1101 Medical Terminology or HTHS 1104 Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology

HTHS 1103 Intro to Healthcare Careers

PSY 1010 or COMM 2110/1020

Is there a time limit to how old my courses can be?

College level courses never expire, except for Math classes below the Quantitative Literacy (QL) level. This is a Bachelor's degree, so it is required students fulfill Math QL. Per WSU policy Math courses under the QL level will expire after two years.

Do I need references?

Yes, as part of the application, you will need to provide 3 references. Those individuals will be emailed a form to complete. It is recommended that your references are individuals who have seen your work ethic.

What else do I need for the application?

1. Personal Essay
2. 3 references (*accurate email addresses*) that will complete reference forms.
3. Unofficial transcripts **including** Weber transcripts, even if you are a current student. EVERY applicant must submit transcripts; even if you have applied in the past.
4. Copies of health-related certifications.
5. Proof of degree on transcript (*graduation date*).

Is there an interview?

Yes, and it is recommended to do a mock interview with Career Services 801-626-6393.

What should I expect once I'm accepted into the program?

The program is a four-semester program (Fall, Spring, Summer, and Fall). You will be required to complete 80 hours total of clinical orientation/observation the first Fall semester and 24hr per week in a WSU affiliated healthcare facility in each of the following semesters. Clinical sites are assigned to you by the School of Radiologic Sciences as close in proximity to the address you use on your submitted application as possible. However, some students will be required to commute. Clinical sites for the campus program can be located throughout the state of Utah, and students are placed from Logan, UT to St. George, UT. Once a student is accepted and agrees to their clinical site, a student will not be moved or rotate to additional sites (unless necessary for clinical competency).

For additional Pre-Sonography questions regarding the application or general education requirements, please contact the Dumke College of Health Professions Admissions Advisement Office. Videos and other helpful information are available on our website.

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