



# Diagnostic Ultrasound Technology Program



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# Section IV

## FAQ



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# FAQ's

- How Many Students are admitted each year?
  - We have approximately 100 qualified applicants each year, and approximately 30 students are selected each year (number varies depending upon confirmed clinical internship site availability)
- Do I have to complete all of the prerequisite courses before I apply?
  - ALL prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of WINTER quarter of the year you apply OR by the end of Fall semester the prior year.

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- Is there a waiting list to get into the program?
  - No. We do not have a waiting list.
  - Each year there is a new pool of applicants comprised of first time applicants and re-applicants.
- Is the program offered part time or evenings?
  - The program is full time only, with most classes offered M-F during the day. There is usually at least one evening class. In the first year summer quarter, experts in the field may only be available in the evening for advanced sonography.
- Will I be able to work while I am in the program?
  - We recommend that students do NOT work during the program so they can focus on their education, stay rested and be flexible as needed with class schedules and program activities. However, many students do maintain some part time work hours for financial reasons.

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- How many people apply each year?
  - Approximately 100+
- If I do not make the selection this year, can I reapply for next year?
  - Yes!
- Do I have to have health care experience to apply?
  - Although health care experience (medical, dental, chiropractic care, massage therapy, optometry etc.) is very helpful, it is not required. Due to the competitive nature of the applicant pool, applicants without healthcare and/or volunteer experience may not be competitive.

# Volunteer Experience

- How many hours do I have to have as a volunteer to get points?
  - Most formal volunteer programs in health care settings ask for a 3-6 month commitment, we are seeking at least 50 hours of volunteer experience. Healthcare is preferred, but not required.



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- What are the qualities that make an exceptional sonographer? How can I be successful?
  - Great critical thinking skills
  - You must be able to handle the stress of a busy working environment as well as the demands of a sick patient.
  - You must have the drive to constantly improve your skills.
  - You must be able to apply constructive criticism.
  - The course load is very demanding of your time and resources. Family and financial support are very important. Be sure these resources are in place before you accept a position in the program. Have a frank talk with your support system **before you accept a position in the program.**

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- How are the clinical internship sites assigned?
  - By clinical specialty first, and consideration is given to the student learning style and clinical internship teaching environment.
  - We have only one intern assigned per clinical site, and there is a rotation after the first 6 months to a new site for the second half of the internship.
  - Geographic preference is considered, although it is not the dominant factor in the decision.
  - All clinical internship site assignments are determined by the Clinical Coordinator in collaboration with the Program Chair.



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- What if I want to do “pediatric” echocardiography?
  - BC is seeking accreditation in this specialty for the Ultrasound degree.
  - An introduction to congenital heart defects and applications specific to pediatric echo is included in the Adult Echocardiography Track
  - Pediatric credentials may be earned by future classes.

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- What specialties can I be trained in?
  - Each student chooses one specialty track (Adult Echo, Vascular Technology or General (Abdomen & OB/GYN) at application submission.
  - Clinical internships are designed so that each student receives a full year in their specialty, preparing them for entry level jobs upon graduation.
  - Our program expansion is due to the need in the marketplace and to ensure that our graduates are prepared to meet those needs.

Conclusion of the Information Session.

We will take questions.

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