



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 various factors including 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.

FAQ's

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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 per quarter.
- Will I be able to work while I am in the program?
 - We do not recommend that students 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.

FAQ's

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- If I am not selected for the program 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. **Please note** that with the competitive nature of the applicant pool, most applicants without health care experience are not 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 require a minimum of 50 hours.

FAQ's continued

- 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.**

FAQ's continued

- How are the clinical internship sites assigned?
 - By clinical specialty first, with consideration given to the student learning style, clinical internship teaching environment and other pertinent factors.
 - Usually only one intern is assigned per clinical site, and students typically rotate after the first two quarters to a new site for the second half of their rotation.
 - 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.

FAQ's continued

- 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 beginning with the class of 2016.

FAQ's continued

- What specialties can I be trained in?
 - Each student chooses one track (Adult Echo, Vascular Technology, 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 adapts 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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