

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY PROGRAM ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) DEGREE Health Sciences Pathway – Program Code #281A

Program Planner 2025-2026

PRE- AND CO-REQUISITE					
Course Number	General Education Core	Term/Planning Notes	Credits Required	Pre- / Co-Requisite	
BIOL-101 or BIOL-107 or BIOL-200	General Biology I <i>or</i> Fundamentals of Microbiology <i>or</i> Microbiology	Completed within 10 years of first clinical course	4	Prerequisite	
BIOL-203	Anatomy & Physiology I	Completed within 5 years of first clinical course with 'B' or higher	4	Prerequisite	
BIOL-204	Anatomy & Physiology II	Completed within 5 years of first clinical course with 'B' or higher	4	Prerequisite	
PHYS-101	Technical Physical Science	Completed within 10 years of first clinical course with 'B' or higher	4	Prerequisite	
MATH-138	Statistics	Completed with 'B' or higher	4	Prerequisite	
ENGL-121	College Composition		3	Prerequisite	
COMM-101 or COMM-105 or COMM-110	Speech Requirement		3	Prerequisite	
PSYC-101	General Psychology	*Although not required, it is recommended that co-requisites are completed prior to enrollment into clinical courses.	3	*Co-Requisite	

CLINICAL COURSEWORK					
Course Number	Course		Term		
DMSU-101	Introduction to Sonography		Fall		
DMSU-112	Sectional Anatomy for Imaging Professionals		Fall		
DMSU-130 DMSU-131	Abdomen Ultrasound Abdomen Ultrasound Lab	3 1	Spring		
DMSU-211	Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation I	3	Spring		
DMSU-251	Clinical Practicum I	1	Spring		
DMSU-140 DMSU-141	Ultrasound OB/GYN I Ultrasound OB/GYN I Lab	2 1	Summer		
DMSU-212	Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation II	3	Summer		
DMSU-252	Clinical Sonography II	2	Summer		
DMSU-132 DMSU-133	Pediatrics and Small Parts Ultrasound Pediatrics and Small Parts Ultrasound Lab	2	Fall		
DMSU-142 DMSU-143	Ultrasound OB/GYN II Ultrasound OB/GYN II Lab	3 1	Fall		
DMSU-256	Clinical Practicum III	3	Fall		
DMSU-254	Clinical Sonography IV	1	Winter		
DMSU-200	General Registry Review	2	Spring		
DMSU-201 DMSU-202	Vascular Sonography Introduction Vascular Sonography Introduction Lab	2	Spring		
DMSU-257	Clinical Practicum V	4	Spring		
Total Program Credits:					

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- If not already an accepted student to Howard Community College (HCC), please submit HCC's online application for admission, <u>Apply for Credit Programs</u>. Select the DMS area of study, as well as the program code—281A.
- Submit official college transcript(s) and <u>Transcript Evaluation Request Form</u>, if transferring courses from other academic institution/s.
- Submit the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Supplemental Application with one-time fee of \$25 and two
 documents verifying residency (Howard County residents only). The online application for Fall admission may
 be found at your application account between September 15 and January 15.
- All pre- and co-requisite courses must be completed with a 'C' or higher unless otherwise stated.
- An overall GPA of 2.5 or higher in all prerequisites and a cumulative HCC GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.

SELECTION OF STUDENTS:

- Randomized digital lottery systems are held whenever the number of qualified new applicants exceeds the number of available seats.
- Priority is given to applicants with pre- and co-requisites completed by application deadline.
- Within the lottery, students are selected in the following order:
 - 1. Howard County residents
 - 2. In-state, out-of-county residents
 - 3. Out-of-state residents
- Applicants' names are randomly selected <u>for an interview with the department faculty</u>.
- DMS faculty will determine final selection of candidates.
- As seats become available, additional candidates will be waitlisted for the program.
- A waitlist will be maintained but will not roll over to the next year. Students on the waitlist who do not receive a seat will need to submit a new supplemental application during the next application period.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION:

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRCDMS). CAAHEP can be contacted at 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, (727)210-2350, (727)210-2354 (fax) or mail@caahep.org. JRCDMS can be contacted at 6021 University Boulevard, Suite 500, Ellicott City, MD 21043, (443)973-3251 or jrcdms@intersocietal.org.

QUESTIONS:

Admissions email: admissions@howardcc.edu or visit the Office of Admissions located in the RCF Building.

PLEASE NOTE:

A Drug Screening and Criminal Background Check will be required prior to enrollment in any nursing/allied health clinical course in order to ensure the safety of patients in the clinical setting. Students who do not comply with the drug screening and criminal background check are ineligible for placement in clinical agencies and therefore are not able to progress in the clinical nursing/allied health program. Students with a criminal background may be unable to progress in the clinical nursing/allied health program. It is the students' responsibility to know whether they are eligible for licensure. If a student has a criminal background, it is the students' responsibility to explore whether the background will prohibit them from being licensed and employed in the health care industry. HCC faculty and staff are NOT able to provide legal advice. If you have any questions about your existing criminal background, you may wish to discuss this with legal counsel.

The college reserves the right to change unilaterally, without notification, any requirement, fee or program if it is deemed necessary.

^{**}As of Fall 2022, ALL students are required to show proof of health insurance. HCC does not provide or sponsor health insurance for students.