2018 Diagnostic Medical Sonography Application Requirements

General Application Information
- Online information session: [http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/divisions/allied/sonography.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/divisions/allied/sonography.html)
- Annual Application Period: May 1 to May 15
- Program accepts 20 students and has competitive admission (14 General and 6 Vascular)
- DMS Vascular Specialization OR DMS General (Abdomen/Ob/Gyn) Sonography degree programs
- Must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA to apply
- Science courses must have been completed within 10 years
- Vascular program currently requires previous Bachelor's degree in any field*

DMS Pre-Admission Advising Workshops
- Workshops are presented by DMS Faculty at the MEC and all interested students are welcome
- Dates for Pre-Admission Workshops: [http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/divisions/allied/sonography.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/divisions/allied/sonography.html)
- Bring a completed DMS Pre-Admission Advising Form to the workshop
- All applicants must attend at least one workshop prior to submitting an Allied Health Application
- Participants must be on time and present for the entire workshop to receive credit for attendance

2018 DMS Preparatory Courses
The following courses must be completed with a B or higher grade to apply for the program:
- BIO 141 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (or NAS 161)
- BIO 142 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (or NAS 162)
- ENG 111 College Composition I (or ENG 112)
- MTH 151 Mathematics for Liberal Arts I (or higher math)
- PHY 195 Acoustical Physics (or PHY 101 or higher)
- SDV 101 Orientation to Healthcare (or SDV 100)
- Previous Bachelor's Degree required for Vascular applicants only

*Vascular Applicants*: The DMS Vascular Specialization degree program will be a brand new offering beginning Fall 2017. Although the NVCC DMS program is CAAHEP accredited for the General Concentration degree that covers Abdomen and Obstetric/Gynecologic Sonography, the Vascular program accreditation will be actively pursued when the program starts and is considered pending. There is no guarantee that the vascular program will be accredited when students graduate. The DMS Vascular Specialization degree program selection criteria requires completion of a previous Bachelor's degree prior to enrollment thereby making graduates of the program eligible to take the vascular national registry examination and obtain certification.

The previous Bachelor's requirement will be removed once the program is accredited.
TEAS Testing and Score Requirements

- TEAS Test for English, Reading & Math (minimum score of 50 required per section)
- TEAS exam is only available at MEC Testing Center in Room 344
- Test scores are valid for 3 years; may retest three times in a 12-month period

DMS General Education Courses

The following general education courses are not required for application but may be completed with a C or higher grade before applying. Financial aid students should be advised that taking these courses early may affect the total credit hours needed and amount of aid received for that semester.

- PSY 200 Principles of Psychology (or PSY 201 and PSY 202)
- HLT 141 Introduction to Medical Terminology (or HIM 111)
- HLT 220 Concepts of Disease
- Humanities/Fine Arts Elective – see NVCC college catalog for list of accepted courses

Competitive Admission Criteria

Admission to the DMS program is competitive. The criteria is listed below in order of importance. Meeting the minimum application requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

- Final grades in BIO 141, BIO 142, MTH 151, and PHY 195
- Highest scores in English, Reading, and Math sections of the TEAS exam
- Current licensed Rad Technologist or registered Vascular Technologist, Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer, or Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
- Cumulative GPA is only used as a tie-break if two or more applicants have the same score

General Program Schedule

Class days and times are subject to change. The DMS program is full-time, and all lectures and labs are offered only at the Medical Education Campus in Springfield, Virginia.

First Year Fall – 16 Week Didactic/10 Week Clinical
- 5 days per week
- Lectures and Labs at the MEC for 16 weeks
- 2 days of Clinical rotation during the last 10 weeks

First Year Spring – 16 Weeks
- 5 days per week
- Lectures and Labs at the MEC
- 2 days of Clinical rotation

Second Year Summer – 10 Weeks
- 5 days per week
- Lectures and Labs at the MEC
- 3 days of Clinical rotation

Second Year Fall – 16 Weeks
- 5 days per week
- Lectures and Labs at the MEC
- 3 days of Clinical rotation