Important Announcement
Changes to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program recently received approval from the NVCC Curriculum Committee to make changes to the DMS program curriculum. These changes are awaiting final approval from the NVCC Administrative Council but are expected to be approved for the upcoming 2017 and 2018 programs.

The 2018 online information session and admission documents reflecting these changes will be made available in late February 2017.

A summary of the proposed changes to the DMS program is presented below.

**Required Preparatory Courses for Application**
Required courses for 2017 admission have not changed. Please refer to the current online information session.

Required courses for 2018 admission will be as follows:

- BIO 141 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I, 4 credits, B or higher (or NAS 161)
- BIO 142 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II, 4 credits, B or higher (or NAS 162)
- ENG 111 – College Composition I, 3 credits, B or higher (or ENG 112)
- SDV 101 – Orientation to Healthcare, 1 credit, B or higher (or SDV 100)
- MTH 151 – Math for Liberal Arts I, 3 credits, B or higher (or higher MTH)
- PHY 195 – Acoustical Physics, 2 credits, B or higher (or PHY 101 or higher)
- English, Reading, and Math sections of the TEAS pre-admission exam

DMS 100 Orientation to the Sonography Profession, and PED 116 Lifetime Fitness & Wellness are being removed from the program; thus, they are not required for students who will be applying for 2018 admission.
Co-Requisite Courses
The following courses are former preparatory courses that will be moved to the main curriculum, and there is one new required co-requisite. Although they will not be required prior to admission, applicants are strongly encouraged to have these courses completed before application to the program. However, be advised that taking these courses before application to the program may affect the total credit hours needed each semester for financial aid during the program.

HLT 141 – Medical Terminology, 1 credit
HUM Elective – Humanities/Fine Arts elective, 3 credits
PSY 200 – Principles of Psychology, 3 credits (or PSY 201/202)
HLT 220 – Concepts of Disease, 3 credits (NEW REQUIRED COURSE)

DMS Core Curriculum
There are additional changes to some of the DMS core courses including changes to the number of credits, possible order of classes being offered, and new course numbers. These changes are being made to better prepare current General Sonography students to meet the upcoming demands of the Sonography workforce and to facilitate possible cross-training in vascular sonography.

Competitive Admission Process
The criteria for the 2018 competitive admission process will be revised pending these possible changes. It will be announced in the 2018 information session.

Application Period
The application period for the 2018 DMS program may be changing to later in the spring semester. The exact dates will be announced in the 2018 information session.

Please note that all of these changes are pending final approval by the NVCC Administrative Council. The DMS program reserves the right to make any necessary changes based on the final decision of the Administrative Council.

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Department
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