The Associate Degree in Medical Sonography and Associate Degree in Cardiac and Vascular Sonography programs at Johnston Community College are 2 year programs that runs over 5 semesters. Students are admitted to begin in the fall semester of each year. Both the Associate Degree in Medical Sonography and Associate Degree in Cardiac and Vascular Sonography have a limited enrollment number, and consequently simply meeting the admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Applicants are admitted under provision of the admission policies of Johnston Community College and the Associate Degree Medical Sonography or Associate Degree Cardiac and Vascular Sonography Programs as specified in the Johnston Community College Catalog. The guidelines, deadline dates, and admission policies apply to all applicants equally. Applicants are selected on the basis of academic records, admission testing, and the maximum number of seats available as determined by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP) and the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRCDS).

Phase I-A, B and II are completed by the applicant and must be completed by the specified deadline dates. If the deadline date falls on a weekend, all materials and documents are due the Friday before the deadline. Incomplete packets cannot be processed.

Phase III is completed by the College and only accepted students will complete Phase IV.

**PHASE I-A: Admission Requirements**

**Deadline Date: College Acceptance - February 20 5:00 pm**

- Current application for admission to the College on file
- Official transcripts from high school/GED scores and all colleges on file in the Office of Enrollment and Student Success
- Completed the College placement test or met test exemption requirements if required.
- All foreign transcripts (secondary and post-secondary) must be evaluated by a JCC recognized evaluation company at the student’s expense. For specific details, see International Transcript information in the College catalog.
- Completed a Connect Session administered by the Office of Enrollment and Student Success.
- Have a current cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at last high school or college attended.
- Graduated or will graduate from high school or the equivalent, as recognized by the State of North Carolina, before entering the Associate Degree Medical Sonography or Cardiac and Vascular Sonography program
- Place into ENG 111 and MAT 143 or MAT 171.
- Attend a MANDATORY Health Science Information Session. Dates and times are available on the College website. (Please bring a copy of the Program Admission Policy to the session). Multiple sessions are conducted prior to the application deadlines. Applicants **MUST** attend one session - no exceptions. The Sonography application will be received at the Health Science Information Session.
- Johnston Community College will be part of a new developmental education initiative beginning in fall 2020. Applicants applying for 2021 fall admission will be held to new requirements. Fall 2020 applicants must be eligible to enter the program required gateway (college-level) English and math courses without a co-requisite or have successfully passed English and math transition course(s) prior to entry into the program.
**Phase I - B: Prerequisites**

**Deadline Date: Courses May 15th**

**Official transcript on file in the Office and Enrollment and Student Success May 20th - 5:00 pm**

**Prerequisites:** Must be completed by May 15th of the admitting year with a minimum grade of “C” or better. Applicant must show proof of current enrollment in the final required prerequisites when submitting the program application. An official transcript must be on file in the Office of Enrollment and Student Services by 5:00 pm on May 20th.

- BIO 163 – Anatomy & Physiology or BIO 168 & BIO 169
- PHY 110 & PHY 110A – Conceptual Physics & Lab or college level physics with lab
- COM 231 – Public Speaking
- MAT 152 – Statistical Methods I or a college level statistics course or college algebra

- CNA I Certification with current listing on the NCNA (Confirmed by June 1 of admitting year)
  - Complete a North Carolina state approved Nurse Aide I course to include theory, lab, and clinical components. Challenging the NA I examination will not meet this requirement.
  - Current (active) listing on the NCNA registry by June 1 with no substantiated findings of resident abuse, resident neglect, or misappropriation of resident property in a nursing facility.
  - CNA is not required for applicants holding an Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree in Nursing or an Allied Health Degree* and are currently certified or applicants currently enrolled in the final semester of a Nursing or Allied Health Profession*. Applicants enrolled in the final semester of a nursing or allied health program must provide a letter from the program director verifying enrollment and anticipated graduation date. Note: State-approved high school Nurse Aide training programs meet the same standard as all other state-approved Nurse Aide I training programs in North Carolina.

*Eligible Allied Health Profession Degree: Nursing, Radiography, Respiratory Therapist, Physical Therapist, Sonography, Paramedic, A.A.S. Nuclear Medicine, A.A.S Surgical Technologist, LPN, and Certified CMA. Additional healthcare professions with direct patient care will be evaluated on an individual basis.

**PHASE I I: Program Application and Health Occupations Test:**

**Deadline Date: Regular Program Acceptance - February 28 by 12:00 noon**

Applicants are responsible for making sure all materials, documents, and steps in Phase I-A have been completed. *If the deadline date falls on a week-end all materials are due the Friday before the deadline. Incomplete application packets will not be processed.*

Application Packet (submitted to the Office of Enrollment and Student Success):

- Sonography program application
- CNA certificate of completion or registration form showing registration for a class or if enrolled in a final semester of an Allied Health program a letter from the Program Director verifying program enrollment. If graduated from an eligible allied health Profession program (see above program selection) current copy of licensure.
- Copy of Nurse Aide listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry.
- Complete the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS)

The TEAS TESTING TICKET will be issued via e-mail upon receipt of the application packet. The TEAS TESTING TICKET allows you to view and schedule a testing date.

- The testing fee is paid at the Cashiers Office.
- An academic preparedness level of exemplary, advanced, or proficient is required for consideration.
- Applicants are allowed to test twice per academic year (August to March of the following year) with a thirty (30) day interval between all testing dates by the deadline date of February 28 of admitting year.
- TEAS scores are valid for two years.
- Testing is offered at JCC however, the College does accept transfer scores from ATI.
Visit the Academic Enrichment Center for information on TEAS TESTING. Study materials may be purchased in the College Bookstore or online at www.atitesting.com.

**PHASE I III: Ranking and Notification of Admission Status**

- All applicants will be ranked according to the highest to the lowest points. The number of applicants accepted to the program depends upon availability of seats. In the case where two or more applicants have the same number of points, TEAS scores will determine point ranking.

- Only courses that have been completed with a grade of A, B, or C will be used in the point ranking process.

- Additional points will be given to applicants who have completed MED 120, which is a medical terminology course.

- Additional points will be provided to students who successfully complete SON 3000 Foundations of Sonography continuing education course, meeting both the attendance requirements and obtaining a grade of “S,” by March 1st of the admitting year.

- Notification will be sent to those who completed the ranking review in late May.

- Applicants may be placed on an alternate list or not accepted at this time. The alternate list is for the current admitting year. All list and program specific materials are destroyed after fall classes begin-no waiting list. Applicants not accepted at this time may continue the college in the current program or schedule an appointment with a counselor to discuss other educational opportunities.

- If admitted, your program will be changed by the Office of Enrollment and Student Success Staff. If a student changes programs after accepting a seat in sonography, the student is responsible for changing their program of study code with the Enrollment and Student Success Office.

- Applicants not accepted and desiring to be considered for next year must complete the information session, submit program specific application, submit evidence of additional points, and may elect to complete the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS).

**PHASE I V - Acceptance**

The student accepted to the Associate Degree Sonography Program must:

- Return acceptance to the Admission Office within five (5) days of the date on the letter.

- Attend a mandatory program orientation on the designated date

- Show documentation of physical and emotional health by the student's primary care provider. (College approved forms will be distributed at orientation).

- Show evidence of current AHA Healthcare Provider CPR certification (infant, child, and adult) through the American Heart Association.

- Submit to criminal background checks and initial and random drug screenings as directed by affiliating clinical agencies. Criminal background checks and drug screenings must be completed through the College's designated service provider. The student will incur the cost of the criminal background checks and drug screenings. Clinical agencies may require criminal background checks and drug screening every 6 months while enrolled in the program. (College approved forms will be distributed at orientation). Information obtained from the criminal background checks and drug screenings could jeopardize the student’s ability to participate in clinical experiences and would result in the inability of the student to complete the program. The application for certification examination with the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) contains questions as to whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony excluding minor traffic violations. If the answer is “yes” the applicant is asked to provide an explanation. The certification application also asks if a student has received sanctions that are result of a violation of academic honor codes. The ARDMS may deny an application for certification based on these questions. If a student has question of their eligibility...
for certification, a pre-application process is available by the ARDMS. Information obtained from the criminal background checks and drug screenings could jeopardize the student’s ability to participate in clinical experiences and would result in the inability of the student to complete the program.

The College reserves the right to change any restrictions or program requirements at any time. Every effort is made to provide a one year notice however, changes or revisions that occur as the result of accreditation or approval body standards and criteria may be implemented with limited notice. Rev. 3/19