JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SONOGRAPHY PROGRAMS
ADMISSIONS POLICY 2018

The Associate Degree in Medical Sonography and Associate Degree in Cardiac & Vascular Sonography programs at Johnston Community College are a 2 year program that runs over 5 semesters. Students are admitted to begin Fall semester of each year. Both the Associate Degree in Medical Sonography and Associate Degree in Cardiac & Vascular Sonography have a limited enrollment number and 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 & 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 CAAHEP/JRCDMS. Applicants who provide false information will be disqualified for admissions.

Phase I 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 will complete Phase IV.

PHASE I: 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.
- Completed an interview with a Counselor in the Office of Enrollment and Student Success.
- Have a current cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- 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 & Vascular Sonography program
- Place into ENG 111 and MAT 143 or MAT 171.
- Attend a MANDATORY Health Science Information Session dates and time available on the College web-site. (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.

Prerequisites: Must be completed by March 1 with a minimum grade of “C”

- 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 (Certified by April 1)
  - 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 April 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.

*Eligible Allied Health Profession: 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.

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.

**PHASE II: 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 have been submitted to the Office of Enrollment and Student Success by the deadline. **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.**

The following forms must be submitted in the application packet to the Office of Enrollment and Student Success:

• Program Specific Application (can only be received by attending the Information Session in Phase I). All requirements in Phase I-A and 1-B must be met to submit the program specific application.

  • Copy of CNA program certificate of completion or a transcript showing completion.
  • Copy of Nurse Aide listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry
  • A letter from the Program Director verifying program enrollment and anticipated date of graduation (if in an Allied Health Program*)

• Complete the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS). Please visit the web-site (**www.atitesting.com**) for additional information.
  o The testing fee will be paid at the Cashiers Office prior to testing. A Teas Testing Ticket is required to schedule the test and is obtained by submitting the program specific application.
  o Applicants are allowed to test **twice** per academic year (August to March of the following year) with a thirty (30) day interval between testing dates.
  o Applicants should allow three and one half hours to complete this computer-based test. The ATI TEAS cannot be taken until PHASE I is completed.
  o Applicants must demonstrate an academic preparedness level of exemplary, advanced, or proficient to be considered for admission to the Sonography program. Testing can be done at JCC however, the College does accept transfer scores from ATI. These scores must be for the ATI TEAS released after August 31, 2016. All scores must reflect a 30-day wait interval.
  o Applicants are strongly encouraged to prepare in advance for the ATI TEAS test. Visit the Academic Enrichment Center for information on a free ATI TEAS prep course. Additionally, study materials may be purchased in the College Bookstore or on line at **www.atitesting.com**.
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PHASE 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 on the point ranking for applicants who have completed a medical terminology curriculum course or a HSC course with a grade of "C" or better.

- 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 IV – 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 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.

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