

JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SONOGRAPHY PROGRAMS ADMISSIONS POLICY 2022

The Associate Degree in Medical Sonography and Associate Degree in Cardiovascular 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 Cardiovascular 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 Cardiovascular 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 (JRCEDMS).

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. (If you have not been enrolled with JCC within the last 12 months, you must reapply to the College.)
- Official transcripts from high school/GED scores and **all** colleges on file in the Admissions and Student Engagement Office.
- If completed ACT or SAT within the last 10 years, scores must be on file in the Admissions and Student Engagement Office.
- 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.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Scores: (5-year limit on scores). If you graduated from a high school in the United States TOEFL scores are not required. For specific details, see International Student information on the college website or College Catalog.
- Meet course eligibility requirements to take gateway English (ENG 111) and gateway Math (143 or MAT 171) without a co-requisite. If an applicant is required to take a co-requisite course along with the program level English and/or Math, and is enrolled in that course at the time of the intent to apply deadline, they will be eligible to be considered. The course must be passed with a "C" or higher to remain eligible for admission. Applicants who do not pass the course with a "C" or higher will not be eligible for program admission.
- Completed a JCC Admissions Connect Session.
- Have a current cumulative GPA of 2.8 by the program application deadline date.
- 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 Cardiovascular Sonography program

- Attend a **MANDATORY Virtual** Health Science Information Session-available on the Sonography Program webpage. The Sonography Program Application is provided online after attendance of the Virtual Health Science Information Session.

Phase I-B: Prerequisites

Deadline Date: Courses May 15th

Official transcript on file in the Admissions and Student Engagement Office by 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 Admissions and Student Engagement Office 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
- CNA I Certification with current listing on the NCNA (*Certified 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 II: Program Application and Health Occupations Test:

Deadline Date: Program Application and TEAS testing– March 1st 5:00 pm

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 Health Science Navigator via email at jcchealthprogram@johnstoncc.edu):

- 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 in the Wilson Bldg.

- 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 III: Ranking and Notification of Admission Status

- All applicants who have met all admission requirements 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. Points are awarded from courses completed by the application deadline date. Points are not awarded for prerequisite courses.
- Only courses that have been completed by the application deadline date with a grade of A, B, or C will be used in the point ranking process. Points are awarded for MAT 143 or MAT 171, ENG 111, ENG 112, PHI 240, PSY 150, and/or a college level medical terminology course.
- Additional points will be provided to students who successfully complete SON 3000 Foundations of Sonography course by March 1st of the admitting year. This course must be taken at JCC within 3 years to qualify for points on the point ranking.
- If applying to the Cardiovascular Sonography Program, additional points will be provided to students who either successfully complete SON 3001 Intro to Cardiac Anatomy and EKG by March 1st of the admitting year or who have completed a Cardiovascular Technician course and are EKG certified. The SON 3001 course must be completed within 3 years to qualify for points on the point ranking. EKG certification must be current to qualify for points on the point ranking.
- Notification of contingent acceptance will be sent to those who completed the ranking review in **late April**.
- 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. Applicants not accepted at this time may continue the college in the current program or schedule an appointment with an advisor to discuss other educational opportunities.
- If admitted, your program will be changed by the Student Admissions and Engagement Office. If a student changes programs after accepting a seat in sonography, the student is responsible for changing their program of study code with the Student Admissions and Engagement 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 Admissions and Student Engagement 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.

Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

NOTE: Neither federal law nor North Carolina law permits undocumented individuals or those with DACA (deferred action for childhood arrivals) classification to receive professional licenses. See 8 U.S.C. § 1621(a) and (c)(1)(A). This does not prevent a DACA student from enrolling in a Health Science program but will prohibit the student from receiving a professional license.

In addition, State Board of Community College Code 1D-SBCC 400.2 Students lawfully present in the United States shall have priority over any undocumented immigrant in any class or program of study when capacity limitations exist.

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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