

Sonography Admission Requirements-Fall 2023

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 have the option to enroll in the College any semester to take prerequisite or general education courses listed in the Medical or Cardiovascular Sonography plan of study.

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 (JRCDSM).

The deadline to apply and have all contingent admission requirements completed (Phases I-A, B and II) is March 1st by 5:00 p.m. of the admitting year. If the application falls on a weekend, the submission is due by the Friday before the stated deadline date at 3:00 p.m.

It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met by the established deadline (including submission of TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) scores, transcripts, etc.). Program deadlines, guidelines, and policies apply equally to all students; thus, there can be no exceptions.

BOTH Phases I-A, B and II are completed by the applicant and **MUST** be completed by the specified deadline date. Please note; Waiting until the deadline to complete Phase I will impact the applicant's ability to obtain the TEAS testing ticket, complete testing, and the admissions process by the deadline date.

PHASE I A: College Application and Program Admission Requirements

- Complete Johnston Community College Application.
 - Applicants must complete the Residency Determination and online Admissions application to JCC at <https://www.johnstoncc.edu/future-students/admissions/apply-now.aspx>
 - If you have not been enrolled at JCC within the last 12 months, you must reapply to the College.
- Official high school or official high school equivalency transcript and official transcripts of **all Colleges attended** on file in Student Services.
 - Official transcripts must be in a sealed envelope or sent electronically directly to the College. Electronic transcripts may be sent to: jccadmissions@johnstoncc.edu



- Have graduated or will graduate from high school or the equivalent as recognized by the State of North Carolina **before** entering the Associate Degree Medical or Cardiovascular Sonography Program.
- 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.
- Complete the College placement test (if required) or meet test exemption requirements.
- 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.
- **Placement:** Must place into gateway English (ENG 111) and gateway Math (MAT 143 or MAT 171) without a corequisite. 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 program application 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.
- Applicants must have a minimum of **2.8 or higher current cumulative GPA**.
 - Applicant must maintain a minimum of 2.8 or higher cumulative grade point average to enter the Sonography Program.
- Attend a **MANDATORY** virtual **Health Science Information Session** at <https://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/health-sciences/info-sessions-health-sciences.aspx>
 - The Sonography Application form is provided upon completion of the Health Science Information Session.

PHASE I B: Prerequisites

Deadline Date: Courses May 15th

- **Official transcripts on file in Student Services 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 ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills

- Submit Sonography program application (can only be received by completing the virtual information session in Phase I). REMINDER: ***The deadline to apply and have all contingent admission requirements completed (Phases I-A, B, and II) and submitted to the Health Science Student Navigator jchealthprograms@johnstoncc.edu is March 1st by 5:00 p.m. of the admitting year. If the application falls on a weekend, the submission is due by the Friday before the stated deadline date at 3:00 p.m.***
 - The following must also be included with the Sonography Program Application:
 - **Nursing Assistant I:** Complete or show enrollment in a North Carolina state approved Nurse Aide I course and current (active) listing on the NCNA registry by June 1st of the admitting year with no substantiated findings of resident abuse, resident neglect, or misappropriation of resident property in a nursing facility. *Note: A copy of the certificate of completion OR transcript OR registration form showing current enrollment in an approved program OR a letter (on official letterhead) from the NCNA showing completion of an approved program must be submitted with the Nursing Application form. An approved program will have classroom, laboratory, and clinical components. Challenging the Nurse Aide, I examination **will not** meet this requirement.*
 - OR**
 - Transcript of Degree or Diploma for an *eligible Allied Health Profession and copy of current license/certification (See Phase 1-B for list of eligible degrees)



- ATI TEAS TEST must be completed and the scores received by the application deadline date. **For Fall 2023, ATI TEAS TEST 7 will be required.** It is the applicant's responsibility for ensuring all required materials and documents including the Sonography Application form are submitted to the Health Science Student Navigator by the deadline date. **If the deadline falls on a weekend, all materials and documents are due the Friday before the stated deadline.** Only completed packets can be processed.
 - After submitting the program application to the Student Navigator, a TEAS TESTING TICKET will be issued. The TEAS TESTING ticket issued via e-mail allows applicants to view and schedule a testing date for on campus testing only.
 - Applicants are allowed to test twice (2) per academic year with a thirty (30) day interval between testing dates at any testing location.
 - JCC offers TEAS testing. However, the College does accept transfer scores from ATI. Please note only scores from ATI are accepted. Applicants must send their score transcript via ATI to Johnston CC ADN for program consideration.
 - Applicants must achieve a **minimum of 58.7- proficient** on the overall adjusted individual score of the TEAS test to be considered for admission.
 - TEAS scores are valid for two (2) years and must be completed by **the application deadline** of the admitting year. View the JCC Academic Skills Center and ATI website for additional information. www.atitesting.com

PHASE III: Ranking and Notification of Admissions Status

- Qualified applicants are ranked objectively and anonymously using the point ranking from highest to lowest. Points are not awarded for prerequisite courses. If two or more applicants have the same number of points; ATI TEAS scores will determine the final ranking.
 - Points are awarded for the following (must be completed by the application deadline date for points):
 - Completion of program related courses with a grade of C or higher by the application deadline date: MAT 143 or MAT 171, ENG 111, ENG 112, PSY 150, PHI 240. The number of points awarded are based on final course grade and number of credit hours of the course (*Only courses completed by the application deadline date will be used in the point ranking of applicants.*)
 - TEAS scores
 - Completion of a college level medical terminology course.
 - Successful completion of SON 3000 Foundations of Sonography class taken within 3 years at JCC will provide additional points.
 - If applying to Cardiovascular Sonography-successful completion of SON 3001 Intro to Cardiac Anatomy and EKG class within 3 years at JCC or completion of a Cardiovascular Technician course and have current EKG certification will provide additional points.
- Applicants are notified of contingent acceptance.
 - Applicants contingently accepted will move to Phase IV.
 - Applicants not accepted may be placed on an alternative list (for the current admitting year ONLY) or not accepted.
 - Applicants not accepted may schedule an appointment with a counselor to discuss other educational opportunities or continue with college course work and reapply the next year.

- Program applications are not carried over from one year to the next. They must be submitted **each year** to be considered.
- Johnston Community College does not create a waiting list for the Medical and Cardiovascular Sonography Programs.

PHASE IV: Acceptance

Those students contingently accepted to the Medical or Cardiovascular Sonography program in Phase III must:

- Return acceptance to the Health Science Student Navigator within five (5) business days of the date of the letter.
- Attend a mandatory orientation as designated in June.
- Provide documentation of satisfactory physical and emotional health and current immunizations after receipt of conditional acceptance and prior to final admission into the Medical or Cardiovascular Sonography program.
 - The physical form will be provided upon acceptance.
- Provide documentation of program-required immunizations as noted in the HWHS Compliance Policy for Clinical Placement.
 - <https://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/health-sciences/HWHS-Clinical-Requirements-2022-2023.pdf>
- Basic Life Support/CPR certification: Provide evidence of current CPR certification by the **American Heart Association** at the Healthcare Provider level (adult, child, & infant) and maintain CPR certification while enrolled in the Sonography program.
- Background Check and Drug Screen: Submit to criminal background checks and initial and random drug screenings as directed by affiliation clinical agencies.
 - Criminal background checks and drug screenings are completed through the College's designated service provider and the student incurs costs.
 - Clinical agencies may require criminal background checks and drug screenings every six months while enrolled in the program. Information obtained from the criminal background checks and drug screenings could jeopardize the student's ability to participate in clinical experiences and will 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.
- Provide evidence of individual medical insurance coverage.



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.

Johnston Community 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.