

DMS Resources, FAQs, and Program Schedule

Resources

Clinical Training Affiliates

- Anaheim Global (Anaheim)
- Centinela (Inglewood)
- Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles
- City of Hope
- Intercommunity Hospital (Chino)
- Kaiser Facilities: Anaheim, Baldwin Park, West LA
- Parkview (Riverside)
- Queen of the Valley Hospital
- Saddleback Memorial (Laguna Hills)
- St. Jude Hospital (Fullerton)
- UCLA Medical Center Los Angeles
- UCLA Medical Center Santa Monica
- Whittier Hospital

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How long is the program?

A. The program is 21 months. However, there are prerequisites that must be taken prior to application.

Q. What are the prerequisites?

A. Please see the list below.

- Radiologic Physics (or a general physics course)
- Patient Care
- Medical Terminology
- Survey of Disease (pathophysiology)
- Anatomy and Physiology
- English or Speech
- Computers
- Intermediate Algebra (Math 40 or higher)
- Medical Sonography Theory
- *Cross Sectional Imaging
- *Ethics
- DMS 60 Medical Sonography Theory—for accepted students only. This last prerequisite course is taken in the summer before the August start date.

*These courses may be taken as prerequisites or taken during the program.

Q. When is the application deadline?

A. Applications are taken in the month of February for an August start date. Prerequisite courses may be in progress at the time of application; however, these courses must be completed with a “C” grade or better by the end of the semester in May. These in-progress courses will not be calculated in the GPA for

ranking. However, if you do not make it into the program this year, then those courses will be calculated for the GPA the following year.

Q. Is there a wait list?

A. No. Cypress College does not have a wait list. If you do not make it into the program the year you applied, then you would have to reapply.

Q. Can I take courses at another college?

A. Yes, the prerequisites may be taken at another college, except for the DMS 60 Medical Sonography Theory. You need to speak to a Health Science counselor to make sure those courses will transfer to Cypress College and meet our requirements. Check the DMS List on the first page of the website for courses you may take at other colleges.

Information workshops are available for potential students to attend. These are given by our Health Science counselor about four times a semester in the evenings.

Q. How many students do you take?

A. We accept as many students as we have clinical training sites. Usually this is between 19-20 students each year.

Q. How are students accepted into the DMS program?

A. The applicants with the highest GPA in the required pre-requisite courses will be higher on the acceptance list. Points are also awarded for prior applications and completion of the DMS 60 class if the student was an alternate and was not accepted by the end of the course.

Q. How much does the program cost?

A. Please see the [Program Costs](#) page.

Q. Will I be provided a training site?

A. Yes, the college is responsible for assigning the student to an accredited hospital for training.

Q. What is the schedule like? Can I train in ultrasound part-time?

A. The schedule/curriculum is attached to the end of this document. It is not 40 hours per week, but it is not part time. Clinical training is Monday through Thursday, between 24-32 hours per week. Didactic courses are on Friday.

Q. Are there any other night courses I will need to take?

A. There are two courses that the student may take during the program, Cross Sectional Imaging and Ethics. These courses are on Tues. evenings. They are scheduled back-to-back. Cross sectional imaging is the first 7 weeks and Ethics the second 9 weeks. Again, these two courses may be taken prior to acceptance into the program. However, they will not be calculated in the GPA for application.

Q. What clinical sites do you have?

A. Our clinical/hospital affiliates are spread over the entire LA/Orange County region. Some of our affiliates are listed above.

Q. Is Cypress an accredited program?

A. Yes, we are accredited with the Joint Review Committee in Diagnostic Medical Sonography through CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs). The student will be eligible to take the ARDMS (American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography) exam.

Q. What is the area of training?

A. We provide general Sonography training. This includes abdomen, small parts, and OB/GYN exams. Vascular training or Echocardiography are not included in this program.

Q. If I want to contact someone, who may I call?

A. The program director: Lynn Mitts She can be reached at lmitts@cypresscollege.edu or (714) 484-7221.

Program Schedule

The following is the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program 21-month schedule.

Semester 1 Fall Semester

- DMS 172 Sonography Externship
- 2 days of training - 5 units (Monday or Wednesday, TBA)
- DMS 170 Sonography Physics - 3 units (Friday, 8-11 a.m.)
- DMS 175 Abdomen Scanning - 4 units (Friday, 12-5 p.m.)
- **Cross Sectional Imaging - (1st 7 weeks) 1 unit (Tuesday night, 6-8 p.m.)
- ** HS 165 Ethics - (2nd 9 weeks) 1.5 unit (Tuesday night, 6-8 p.m.)

Semester 2 Spring Semester

- DMS 186 OB/GYN Scanning - 4 units (Friday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.)
- DMS 176 Pathology & Small Parts - 3 units (Friday, 1-5 p.m.)
- DMS 207 Clinical Education I - 24 hours/week 10 units (Monday-Thursday)

Summer Intersession

- DMS 188 Doppler Techniques - 6 classes/3 hours each 1.5 units (Tuesday nights)
- DMS 217 Clinical Education II - 32 hours/week 7 units (Monday-Friday)

Semester 3 Fall Semester

- DMS 195 C Carotid & Arterial Sonography
- RADT 227 Clinical Education III - 32 hours/week 11 units (Monday-Friday)

Semester 4 Spring Semester

- DMS 210 C Review Seminar
- RADT 237 Clinical Education IV - 32 hours/week 11 units (Monday-Friday)

Graduation in May!