

Diagnostic Medical Sonography (AAS) Program Information

Please read all of the information below **CAREFULLY** regarding the competitive admissions criteria.

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is considered a competitive entrance program. During each application cycle, there are generally more applicants than there are spots available. Students will be ranked based on their prerequisites' GPA and their ATI TEAS (Allied Health) exam scores, and Math Assessment scores. The program will review the highest grade earned for competitive general education classes and the top two attempts of BIOL classes within the past 5 years, and PHYS classes within the past 10 years at all colleges when selecting top students. Program spots will be given to students who are at the top of the ranking list. **Only 18 slots** are distributed once every year after applications have been submitted and reviewed. There is no waiting list. The annual competitive application deadline is **June 8th**.

Students are required to attend a mandatory information session before applying to the program.

Program Start: Fall Semester **Program Length:** 5 Semesters **Class Type:** Day/Full time/On Campus Only

WHY DOES MY MAJOR SAY "INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES"?

Students are originally placed into the **Interdisciplinary Studies AAS (AF53) degree with a concentration in Health Financial Representative (HCR3)** when they choose the Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program on the Gwinnett Technical College online application.

- **Students with prerequisites left to complete:** The Interdisciplinary Studies Program serves as a holding place to allow students time to complete all required prerequisite classes necessary for application into the program.
- **Transfer students who have completed all required prerequisites:** Transfer students are first placed into the Interdisciplinary Studies program because students cannot apply directly into DMS due to the competitive nature of the program. After a student is accepted into Gwinnett Technical College, the Registrar's Office will begin the 4-6 weeks evaluation process to see which credits are transferable. Once this evaluation has been completed, if all credits have transferred in, the student can meet with an advisor regarding their next steps. Next steps will include taking the ATI TEAS (Allied Health) exam, attending an Information Session for the program, and then submit the program application before the **June 8th deadline**.

NOTE FOR APPLICANTS EXPECTING TRANSFER CREDITS: Applicants will need to be accepted into Gwinnett Technical College at least 4 weeks prior to the annual **June 8th deadline** to ensure that transfer credits have enough time to be evaluated and transferred in. The official transcript evaluation process does not begin until a student is accepted and can take between 4-6 weeks to be completed. Once the official evaluation is complete, transferred credits will show on your Gwinnett Technical College transcript. **If you have AP or CLEP Credits, an official score report from the College Board must be submitted to Gwinnett Technical College for evaluation 4 weeks prior to the deadline.** AP and CLEP credits will not be transferred in from other college transcripts.

PREREQUISITES

- ___ **FYES 1000 – First Year Experience** (2 Credits) All students are required to complete FYES 1000 within their first two semesters at Gwinnett Technical College unless they have been exempted based on transfer credit. FYES grade will not be calculated into the competitive GPA for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program.

The courses below are required to be completed prior to submitting your DMS application and will determine your competitive GPA.

The minimum GPA required among these courses for application submission is 3.2

- ___ **ENGL 1101 – English Composition** (3 Credits)
- ___ **MATH 1111 – College Algebra** (3 Credits)
- ___ **PSYC 1101 – Introductory Psychology** (3 Credits)
- ___ **BIOL 2113/2113L – Anatomy and Physiology I** (Lecture 3 Credits, Lab 1 credit) **Courses expire after 5 years**
- ___ **BIOL 2114/2114L – Anatomy and Physiology II** (Lecture 3 Credits, Lab 1 credit) **Courses expire after 5 years**
- ___ **PHYS 1110/1110L – Conceptual Physics** (Lecture 3 Credits, Lab 1 credit) **Courses expire after 10 years**

Prerequisites Continued: The course below will not be used to calculate the student's prerequisites' GPA on the Diagnostic Medical Sonography application, but it must be completed before graduating from the program. It is preferred that this course is completed before the program starts in the Fall Semester.

- ___ **Humanities / Fine Arts Elective** (3 Credits) (Choose **ONE** of the following):
 - **ARTS 1101 – Art Appreciation**
 - **THEA 1101 – Theater Appreciation**
 - **ENGL 2110 – World Literature**
 - **MUSC 1101 – Music Appreciation**
 - **HUMN 1101 – Introduction to Humanities**
 - **ENGL 2130 – American Literature**

For questions about program requirements, you can contact us at: HealthTeam@GwinnettTech.edu

MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSION & LAB HOURS

All prospective Diagnostic Medical Sonography students **must attend a mandatory Information Session** prior to applying to this program. Students must have attended a session within 12 months prior to applying to the program. The information session provides specific details regarding the program and generally takes place on the second Wednesday of every month at 4:00 pm, Building C, Room 105. Prospective students are encouraged to volunteer in the DMS Lab. Volunteer hours can be completed by appointment only. Please contact Josue Vejar for additional information at JVejar@GwinnettTech.edu.

MATH ASSESSMENT TEST

Top candidates are required to take the Math Assessment test that will be administered by the program **after** the application deadline. Please attend an information session or contact the Program Support Specialist, Josue Vejar, at JVejar@GwinnettTech.edu for more information.

PREVIOUS HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE

For those applying with previous patient care experience, you will need to email a letter from your employer to the **Program Support Specialist**, Josue Vejar, at JVejar@GwinnettTech.edu. Detailed information related to previous healthcare experience is explained at the mandatory information session.

TESTING

Applicants are required to take the **ATI TEAS (Allied Health) exam** and must submit scores as a part of the application packet.

- The ATI TEAS exam must be **less than three (3) years old and taken ON CAMPUS ONLY**, by the application deadline of **June 8th** of the year you apply.
- The minimum score to apply is 80.
- TEAS scores that are taken "REMOTE" (online) will not be accepted. The last date to take the ATI TEAS exam will be **May 29th for the June 8th deadline**. No exceptions allowed for test dates passed **May 29th**.
- A copy of the score report must be submitted with your application packet.
- Students must register for the ATI TEAS Exam at atitesting.com. Please create an account and select **Gwinnett Technical College AH (Allied Health)** as your institution.
- Applicants may take the ATI TEAS Exam a **maximum of 2 times per application** cycle with no wait period at Gwinnett Technical College.
- Students may also test at other institutions and have their scores sent electronically from ATI to Gwinnett Technical College. **STUDENTS WHO TEST AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS must take the exam IN PERSON at a testing center or another college. TEAS scores that are taken "REMOTE" (online) will not be accepted. You must also have an official score report sent from ATI to the Gwinnett Tech Assessment Center before the June 8th deadline. We accept both the TEAS for Allied Health and the TEAS for Nursing Students.**
- You may obtain the score report from the GTC Assessment Center.
- The highest ATI TEAS (Allied Health) Exam score earned within the application cycle will be accepted.

SUBMITTING YOUR DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY APPLICATION PACKET

Once all prerequisites have been completed, the information session attended, and passed the ATI TEAS (Allied Health) exam by the May 29th deadline, you are now ready to complete an application for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program using the following website: GwinnettTech.edu/enrollment/forms-documents/

- Attach to your email the application and the following documents: unofficial Gwinnett Technical College Transcript, driver's license, Permanent Resident Card (If you are not a U.S. citizen), and the score report that was given to you when you took the ATI TEAS exam. The GTC unofficial transcript should list transfer credits from other schools (if transfer credit is not listed, the courses have not yet been transferred in.)
- **Gwinnett Tech must have official score reports from the College Board to accept credit for CLEP exams and Advanced Placement courses (AP Courses).** Credits will not be accepted from other college transcripts for CLEP or AP Courses. An official score report must be on file at Gwinnett Technical College before your program application can be submitted.

Submit your completed application BEFORE the June 8th deadline to the email address Healthapp@GwinnettTech.edu. A Health Team Enrollment Advisor will look over your packet to ensure that it is complete and correct. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please allow yourself time to make corrections if necessary.

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