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Ascension Providence Hospital
School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography
2025 Program Booklet

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Application is available at program website:

<https://medicaleducation.ascension.org/michigan/providence-sonography-and-radiology/school-of-ultrasonography>

Dear Potential Candidate,

Thank you for inquiring about Ascension Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, which is part of Ascension, one of the largest nonprofit health systems in the nation and the world's largest Catholic health system. This booklet describes the admission policies, general program content, plus many other specific details concerning the **January 2025** sonography program.

The sonography program has been in existence since 1977 and is under accreditation of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Commission on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS). The American College of Radiology (ACR) for general and vascular ultrasound accredits Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield & Novi Campuses, and the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) accredits Ascension Providence & Ascension Providence Rochester Maternal Fetal Medicine, and Ascension St John Perinatal Departments. Our program is a unique hospital-based program in that we are accredited in both general and vascular sonography; one of only a few in the United States.

Ascension Providence Hospital is fully licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Public Health and is accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC). As a "state of the art" medical facility, the hospital has a highly-qualified team of medical professionals that are committed to excellence. Our sonography program is comprehensive and dynamic with many graduates employed within Ascension and throughout the Metro Detroit medical community.

Please review this program booklet provided and if you meet the requirements that are listed, **you must complete all necessary admissions procedures by August 16, 2024**. The interview process will take place in mid to late September 2024 with up to four students accepted into the program. The program is twenty-one (21) months in length and begins in **mid-January 2025 with completion in mid-October 2026**.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (248) 849-5385. Again, thank you for considering the Ascension Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Sincerely,

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SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS / PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

Ascension Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography is fully accredited in **Abdominal–Extended, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Vascular ultrasound concentrations by Commission of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS) through 2024 (CAAHEP Program #110067).**

Abdominal-Extended concentration includes performing sonographic examinations of the abdomen, superficial structures and non-cardiac chest per protocol guidelines with transabdominal transducers and Doppler modes. **Obstetrics and Gynecology concentration** includes performing sonographic examinations of the fetal and pelvic per protocol guidelines with transabdominal and endocavitary transducers and Doppler modes. **Vascular concentration** includes the ability to perform sonographic examinations of the arterial and venous (upper and lower) extremity, cerebrovascular: extracranial and intracranial, abdominal vasculature and special vascular system circulations and Doppler display modes.

Ascension Providence Hospital is part of Ascension, one of the largest non-profit health systems in the U.S, and the world's largest Catholic health system. It is a full-service community hospital located in the northwest Detroit area. Ascension Providence Hospital is a teaching hospital directed by Ascension and the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul with over 125 years of continuous health care services.

Ascension Providence Hospital is fully licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Public Health and accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC). Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield & Novi Campuses Diagnostic Ultrasound Departments are accredited by the American College of Radiology (ACR) in general and vascular ultrasound examinations. The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) accredits Ascension Providence & Ascension Providence Rochester Maternal Fetal Medicine and St John Perinatal Imaging Departments.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

This hospital system is committed to the highest standards of excellence for patient care and recognizes the necessity of quality education as a means of achieving and maintaining this standard. Education implies the art of utilization and dissemination of knowledge. Ascension Providence affirms the desire to attain excellence in education for the benefit of those they service. To this end, energies and resources are directed to develop and maintain educational programs of the highest standard.

In all areas of education, this institution desires to communicate its distinctive philosophy of excellence and dedication to those who come to learn, and thus, through them to the patients and the community served by the hospital.

ASCENSION PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY MISSION STATEMENT

The School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography program administrators, educators, and clinical instructors are dedicated to serving the community by providing quality education along with compassionate patient care under our accreditation standards and guidelines. To achieve these ends, we commit ourselves to support each student in their pursuit to meet the didactic and clinical competencies per the goals and objectives of the sonography program.

PROFESSION DESCRIPTION

The profession of diagnostic medical sonography includes abdominal sonography, breast sonography, cardiac sonography, musculoskeletal sonography, obstetrics and gynecology sonography, vascular technology, and other emerging clinical areas. The profession requires judgment and the ability to provide appropriate health care services. Medical personnel that perform ultrasound exams are called sonographers. Sonographers are highly skilled medical professionals qualified by education to provide patient services using diagnostic techniques under the supervision of a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathy. The sonographer may provide this service in a variety of medical settings where the physician is responsible for the use and interpretation of appropriate procedures. Sonographers assist physicians in gathering data necessary to reach diagnostic decisions. The sonographer can perform the following:

1. Obtain, review, and integrate pertinent patient history and supporting clinical data to facilitate optimum diagnostic results.
2. Perform appropriate procedures and record anatomic, pathologic, and/or physiologic data for interpretation by a physician.
3. Record, analyze, and process diagnostic data and other pertinent observations made during the procedure for presentation to the interpreting physician.
4. Exercise discretion and judgment in the performance of sonographic and/or other non-invasive and invasive diagnostic services.
5. Demonstrate appropriate communication skills with patients and colleagues.
6. Act in a professional and ethical manner.
7. Facilitate communication and education to elicit patient cooperation and understanding of expectations and respond to questions regarding the sonographic examination. (***standards & guidelines at caahep.org**)

To measure competency, students must successfully complete program academic and clinical requirements to become competent entry level sonographers. Graduates are eligible to take national registry exams by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS). Exam registry fees are the student's personal responsibility to pay. Exams include Sonographic Physics and Instrumentation (SPI), and specialty exams in Abdomen, Obstetrics/Gynecological and Vascular sonography. Passing the Sonographic Physics & Instrumentation (SPI) exam and one specialty exams allows the sonographer to use the professional initials of "**RDMS**" (**Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonography**) after his/her name. In addition, passing the Sonographic Physics & Instrumentation (SPI) exam and the Vascular Technology exam allows the sonographer to use the professional initials of "**RVT**" (**Registered Vascular Technologist**) after his/her name.

Most sonographers work in hospitals, outpatient centers, private doctor offices or mobile ultrasound services. Ultrasound manufacturers also hire sonographers to demonstrate and sell ultrasound equipment and products. Employment opportunities in sonography should be investigated and evaluated by potential candidates. Inquiries concerning the success and outcomes of graduates in obtaining employment is welcomed by the Program Director.

PROGRAM GOAL

The program goal is to **prepare competent entry level** sonographers in the **cognitive** (knowledge), **psychomotor** (skills), and **affective** (behavior) learning domains for the Abdomen-extended, Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Vascular sonography concentrations.

- ❖ **Cognitive Domain** - the student will successfully apply basic and advanced knowledge of didactic material learned throughout the sonography program
- ❖ **Psychomotor Domain** – the student will competently demonstrate the practical application of their learned skills from the laboratory and the clinical setting throughout the sonography program
- ❖ **Affective Domain** – the student will display appropriate professional interaction, behavior and conduct in both didactic and clinical environments throughout the sonography program

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Students will demonstrate ethical patient/sonographer relationships.
2. Students will demonstrate proper physical safety and exam room readiness.
3. Students will demonstrate knowledge of proper ergonomic techniques to reduce repetitive stress related injury.
4. Students will be able to competently perform abdomen, pelvic, obstetrical, vascular and superficial structures sonographic examinations as an entry level sonographer.
5. Students will be able to successfully complete the national registry exams given by the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) in specialties that include: Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (SPI), Abdomen, OB/GYN, and Vascular Technology.

BASIC CURRICULUM

Ascension Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography is a twenty-one (21) month program with forty (40) hours completed each week. Program hours, including class days, are usually 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM* or 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM* - Monday through Friday. (*Program hours may vary depending on individual clinical rotations.)

Weekend hours are not required.

Didactic classes are held for approximately six hours per day; one to two days per week. The program total classroom hours are approximately 800 hours. Students are given course syllabi that include course hours, days, expectations, research/image assignments, transcript credits, objectives, grading scale and methodology, reading assignments with lecture and test schedule. Class consists of formal lectures, classroom discussion, review worksheets, case presentations, image review, Sonosim® simulated scanning with case studies, educational models, webinars and lab scanning. Other resources available to students include associated textbooks, department library, and hospital medical library resources (including on-line references).

Didactic Curriculum & Clinical Practicum Credit Hours by order of concentration

Didactic Concentration	Course	Didactic & Clinical Credit Hours
20%	Abdominal sonography	4
20%	Obstetrical sonography	4
15%	Sonographic physics and instrumentation	3
15%	Vascular sonography	3
10%	Gynecological sonography	2
10%	Superficial structures & Pediatric sonography (thyroid, parathyroid, scrotum, prostate, breast, musculoskeletal)	2
5%	Orientation to sonography	1
5%	Advanced practicum (Registry review with comprehensive review examinations)	1
	OB Clinical Practicum	2
	8 Month Clinical Practicum	2
	16 Month Clinical Practicum	3
	21 Month Clinical Practicum	3
100%	TOTALS	30 Credits

Measuring didactic competency

The measurement of didactic competency is made with administration of tests, case presentations, class participation, image assignments, journal articles, research papers, midterm and final examinations. **Students must maintain an 85% or above academic standing during the program.** Students are informed of didactic grades throughout the program.

APPROPRIATE CLINICAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Sonography is direct patient care in both non-invasive and invasive examinations (tissue biopsy, cyst aspiration, drainage of fluid from body cavities (thoracentesis or paracentesis). Students will scan patients that will have blood and bodily fluids such as blood, feces, urine and other bodily fluids under appropriate universal precautions, infection control standards and guidelines (gloves, gowns, masks, etc.). Students will be required to scan all body parts including but not limited to: abdomen, female & male pelvis, head, neck, arms, legs, breast, scrotum, prostate and penis, including instruction for completing exams with endocavitary (transvaginal and transrectal) transducers to improve image detail.

Clinical education is based on approximately 2,140 hours of clinical "one on one" instruction of each student with program sonographers/clinical instructors. Initially, students are scheduled with a specific sonographer to offer guidance, direction and support to students with a spirit of dedication and expertise. Later, the students will rotate with different instructors throughout the day. This allows the students to learn various approaches to clinical practice with an outcome that improves comprehension, knowledge, competency and versatility in a variety of clinical settings. Students will also complete clinical scanning labs with a clinical instructor along with Sonosim® clinical training courses and simulated case studies to apply classroom didactics and aid in building clinical competency.

All students are scheduled for clinical rotations to various approved clinical sites (see clinical sites listings below) to become competent in Abdomen, OB/GYN and Vascular ultrasound exams. Every student will complete one concentrated 15-week OB rotation (consisting of two to three clinical days per week) to a Maternal-Fetal Diagnostic (OB) Department to become competent in OB ultrasound exams. In addition, every student will complete one 3-week Introductory OB rotation also consisting of two to three (3) clinical days per week. The Intro OB rotation will take place at a Maternal-Fetal Diagnostic (OB) Department or an OB/GYN Office.

Clinical sites/affiliations

Current approved clinical sites:

- Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield Campus Ultrasound and Maternal Fetal Diagnostic Departments, Southfield, MI
- Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi Campus Ultrasound and Maternal Fetal Diagnostic Departments, Novi, MI
- Ascension Providence Rochester, Maternal Fetal Diagnostic Center, Rochester, MI
- Ascension St John Hospital, Ultrasound, Vascular and Maternal Fetal Diagnostic Departments, Detroit, MI
- Ascension Genesys, Maternal Fetal Diagnostic Departments, Grand Blanc, MI
- Riverside OB/GYN Office, Trenton, MI
- Generations OB/GYN Centers, Birmingham, MI

Communication

Throughout the program, students are continually given feedback on the level of clinical ability and performance from program director, clinical coordinator, clinical instructors, and department radiologists. On-going communication between Program Director, Clinical Coordinator and students is maintained and encouraged.

Clinical units include

1. Abdominal sonography (including Abdominal vascular Doppler)
2. Pelvic sonography
3. Obstetrical sonography
4. Vascular sonography (cerebrovascular and peripheral vascular)
5. Superficial sonography (breast, thyroid, parathyroid and scrotal)
6. Pediatric sonography

Measuring clinical competency

Throughout the program, students are individually given time frames based on clinical rotations and academic coursework to complete Clinical Proficiency and Competency Evaluations for each clinical unit. In addition, Clinical Evaluations are completed after every rotation and reviewed with Program Director, Clinical Coordinator and student to determine level of didactic and clinical achievement.

If a student falls below competency level in either clinical or academic areas, counseling will be given along with enacting the remediation or probationary policies as stated by program manual.

PROGRAM STANDARDS / GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To successfully complete the program, the student must:

1. Obtain a clinical level that meets or exceeds standard of clinical competency for each quarterly clinical evaluation.
2. Maintain an 85% or above academic standing upon completion of each of the eight (8) didactic course units.
3. Obtain a competency level that meets or exceeds standard of competency for required Clinical Proficiency and Competency Evaluations.
4. Exercise independent judgment and discretion in the completion of medical imaging ultrasound procedures.
5. Apply the knowledge of anatomy and physiology and scanning procedures to competently demonstrate anatomical and pathological structures for the ultrasound exams instructed within the curriculum.
6. Provide accepted standards of patient care, safety and comfort.
7. Adhere to hospital, departmental and program policies. Program policies are listed in program policy manual given to each student upon acceptance in the program and reviewed with each student at start of program.
8. Complete all clinical time including make-up time by the end of program.
9. Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills.

Upon graduation, students are given a school pin, certificate of graduation and required documentation to take national registry (ARDMS) exams.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Program course requirements have been derived from the Standards & Guidelines for Diagnostic Medical Sonography accredited by CAAHEP upon the recommendation of the JRC-DMS which state each applicant shall demonstrate completion of educational background #1 **OR** #2 **OR** #3 **and** specific prerequisite secondary courses* (listed below). *All program pre-requisites must be accredited by the U.S. Dept. of Education, or recognized equivalency of, and approved for post-secondary college credits.

- ❖ **Required educational background: All candidates must have one of the following educational backgrounds by the start of the program with a GPA of 2.8 or higher.**

Required educational background #1 – must have completed an AMA (American Medical Association)-recognized allied health program as a registered radiologic technologist, registered nurse, registered respiratory therapist, registered occupational therapist or physical therapist. The applicant must be registered or become registered in the allied health field by the start of the sonography program.

(If Physics or any other pre-requisite(s) was not included in the Allied Health Program or completed as a post-secondary course, they must be successfully completed prior to the start of the program.)

-- OR --

Required educational background #2 - must have a minimum of an Associate Degree of Science* from an accredited American university or college (or recognized equivalent). Program officials will determine if any review courses need to be repeated if courses are more than 10 years old.

-- OR --

Required educational background #3 - must be enrolled in **Concordia University's Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography program** or **Oakland University's Bachelor of Science in Clinical & Diagnostic Sciences program**. Program officials will determine if any review courses need to be repeated if courses are more than 10 years old.

<https://www.cuaa.edu/academics/programs/diagnostic-medical-sonography-bachelors/index.html>

<https://oakland.edu/shs/clinical-and-diagnostic-sciences/diagnostic-medical-sonography/>

- ❖ **Required Pre-requisite Courses: Must be completed prior to the program starting**
 1. Algebra, statistics, or higher mathematics course
 2. General physics and/or radiologic physics
 3. Communication skills (may be a speech component in an English or dedicated communications or speech course)
 4. Human anatomy and physiology
 5. Medical terminology
 6. Pathophysiology (human anatomy pathology) – **Highly Recommended, no longer required**
 7. Medical ethics and law - **Highly Recommended, no longer required**

❖ ***Patient Care Requirements: Must be completed within the twelve months prior to the application deadline (between August 2023 – August 2024)***

All candidates must have 80 hours of documented patient care experience at hospital or clinic through employment or observation volunteer time.

Please contact Tracey Olldashi, Program Director at Tracey.Olldashi@ascension.org for more information or if interested in observing at Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield Campus.

International Candidates

All candidates must be eligible to legally work in the United States (U.S.). The program does not accept candidates without approved U.S. employment authorization. Applicants with degrees from outside the United States must have a course-by-course evaluation completed by a facility that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) qualified to evaluate foreign educational credentials to verify equivalency to a U.S. Associate of Science Degree or higher. Contact Program Director for further details.

Medical School Graduates

Ascension Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography is a technical educational program and does not accept applications of graduates from all domestic or foreign medical schools. Physicians are advised to seek information for obtaining sonography education by contacting the American Medical Association (ama-assn.org) or Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (sdms.org).

PROGRAM POLICY MANUAL

Upon selection into the program, each student will be given a program policy manual prior to signing the program letter of agreement. The program policy manual includes most program and hospital policies and will be reviewed at the start of the program. Students will be expected to adhere to, review and become informed of our program and hospital policies.

Program manuals will be made available to potential candidates by contacting Program Director.

EARLY ADMISSION AND WAITING LIST

Ascension Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography does not offer early admission or advanced placement for candidates. There is no waiting list for program admission. Candidates must apply each year and compete against the field of candidates for that year.

MINIMAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

All applicants are notified of the minimum physical requirements appropriate to diagnostic medical sonography. The **Technical Standards Survey** (see page 16) must be completed and returned with application (written or on-line; online preferred).

It is the policy of the program, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), to provide reasonable accommodation to select, qualified, disabled individuals so that they can perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodation request must be submitted prior to starting the program and will be provided to such individuals unless it imposes an undue hardship upon the program.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Application deadline is August 16, 2024 with personal interviews held in mid to late September 2024. The program starts mid-January 2025 and ends in mid-October 2026. All candidates must complete or provide the following by the deadline to be considered:

1. **On-line Application Form including the Technical Standards Survey** which can be found on our program website: <https://medicaleducation.ascension.org/michigan/providence-sonography-and-radiology/school-of-ultrasonography>
2. **Application fee of \$50** (make checks payable to “Ascension Providence Hospital”)
3. **Personal letter** to state reasons for interest in the field of sonography and Ascension Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.
4. **Two (2) letters of professional reference** - both must be dated within the last twelve (12) months at time application is received.
5. **High school transcript** (if graduated in the last 10 years)
6. **Complete all pre-requisite courses** (see page 9) prior to program starting
7. **All official educational transcripts** since high school (college courses taken more than 10 years old will be reviewed by program officials to determine if review courses must be completed).
8. **Copies of all certificates of graduation or diplomas from colleges/universities and/or allied health educational programs** since high school including documentation of allied health careers. (If applicable, candidates must be currently registered as one of the following: Radiologic Technologist, Nurse, Respiratory Therapist, Occupational Therapist or Physical Therapist.)
9. Documentation of **80 hours of patient care experience** within the twelve (12) months prior to application deadline (between Aug 2023 – Aug 2024). Documented volunteer observation time in a hospital or clinical patient care setting OR employed in the medical field.
10. All candidates selected for an interview will be required to take the **Pegasus Ultrasound Student Assessment exam*** as part of the student selection process. This aptitude test is administered by program officials at Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield Campus and will be scheduled prior to interviews. Exam fee payment (\$65.00) is to be made directly to the company by applicant prior to the scheduled testing date.
11. All candidates selected for an interview will be required to **observe for one half day** (3 – 4 hours) at Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield Campus in the ultrasound department.
12. All candidates selected for the program will be required to successfully complete a **criminal background check, drug-screen and physical*** by Ascension Providence Hospital, before final acceptance into the program.
13. All candidates selected for the program must **obtain and maintain BLS** (Basic Life Support) certification - not included in the tuition amount.

Limited number interviewed

Program Director is responsible for evaluating all candidates for eligibility. A limited number of the eligible candidates will be selected for the interview process. Everyone will be informed of their eligibility and interview status. Candidates that are selected for the interview portion of the selection process will be interviewed by candidate selection committee. Everyone who is interviewed will be mailed or emailed a letter of acceptance or non-acceptance.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates are selected into the program based on valid and objective admission criteria. The principal criteria in which candidates are selected are (in no particular order of importance) academic standing, clinical/patient care experience, results of Pegasus USA exam, and personal interview by candidate selection committee, including required observational hours.

STUDENT HEALTH CARE POLICY

Health care is not provided by the hospital and must be obtained privately per the discretion of each student. **Ascension Providence does not provide health care insurance to students at any time during the program.**

PRE-PROGRAM PHYSICAL

After acceptance into the program and prior to start of the program, each student must successfully complete a pre-program physical including a drug screen. Ascension Associate & Occupational Health will perform the pre-program physical and drug screen.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Program tuition is \$9,000 plus \$150 lab fee along with \$50 application fee. \$2,000 of tuition amount is due with Letter of Agreement upon acceptance into program; \$3,500 plus a \$150 lab fee (\$3,650) is paid on the first day of the program with the remaining payment (\$3,500) paid after 6 months' completion of the program. **Required textbooks must be purchased by students and are NOT included in the tuition amount (2023 textbook cost was approximately \$800).** All application fees and tuition payments are nonrefundable after payment is received. All tuition fees are due at designated payment dates and would constitute program dismissal if not paid by the deadlines.

The program will pay for the registration fee for one local sonography conference chosen by the Program Director during the program and inform students of the date and time.

Additional and Optional Expenses during the program (Excluding application and tuition fees)

- ◆ Students are responsible for purchasing required “scrub-type” uniforms and shoes that meet hospital and all clinical affiliate requirements.
- ◆ Student membership to the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (SDMS) is required for specific didactic instruction. (2023 student cost - \$45)
- ◆ There is no food allowance for students during the program.
- ◆ Students are responsible for all fees associated with mandatory BLS Certification
- ◆ It is recommended that each student have a personal tablet (i.e. Apple iPad or Amazon Fire) available for school use during program hours

- ◆ Students will be given time off to attend up to two additional local conferences if held during program hours but will be required to pay the registration fees.
- ◆ Optional student membership in the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine – AIUM (2023 cost - \$25)
- ◆ Optional student membership in the Society for Vascular Ultrasound – SVU (2023 cost - \$35)

Financing Available Through Meritize Lending, LLC

Meritize Lending, LLC offers student loans that use “academic and military experience to help enhance your credit evaluation and loan options.” Financing process is between student and Meritize directly. Please see their website for more information: www.meritize.com.

You may apply at this website: <https://apply.meritize.com/?pc=9025>

Financial Aid

Title IV Federal Financial Aid is not available through Ascension Providence, however, Concordia University and Oakland University students selected into the Ascension Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography may inquire if eligible for financial aid through their respective University. Please contact Program Director for additional information.

Tuition Forgiveness Program is not currently available.

Scholarship information is available by contacting specific societies:

Radiologic Technologists should contact the Michigan Society of Radiologic Technology (MSRT) for scholarship information at msrt.org.

SDMS Educational Foundation
(214) 473-8057 or (800) 229-9506
<https://www.sdms.org/foundation/programs>

SVU Foundation
(301) 459-7550
<https://www.svu.org/about-svu/svu-foundation/grants-and-scholarships/>

PROGRAM TIME OFF

Each student receives a total maximum possibility of twenty-five (25) days off (combined sick and/or vacation time) during the twenty-one (21) month program. Fifteen (15) days off will be made available at the start of the program and the remaining ten (10) days will be given after successful completion of external rotations, scheduled throughout the program.

Students are off on eight (8) hospital approved holidays and given ten (10) days off during the program that are scheduled by program officials.

Any additional time off will be required to be made up before successful graduation from the program per time off policy (see Program Director for additional information).

STUDENT WORKING DURING PROGRAM

Due to the intensity and volume of course material, maintaining employment while in the program is not recommended. If employment outside the program is necessary, it must not conflict with the academic or clinical schedules and not interfere with clinical or academic performance.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

Ascension Providence is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In decisions regarding hiring, recruiting, promotion, transfer, assignment, training, classification, pay, benefits, discipline any other term, condition or privilege of student position, Ascension Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography will apply equal criteria without regard to religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, sexual preference, arrest record or disability unrelated to job duties.

REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS

It is the policy of the program, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), to provide reasonable accommodation to select, qualified, disabled individuals so that they can perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodation request must be submitted prior to starting the program and will be provided to such individuals unless it imposes an undue hardship upon the program.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Please address all communications to the address below or contact Program Director at (248) 849-5385 with any questions.

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*Ascension Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Technical Standards Survey*

- This is filled out electronically during the on-line program application process.
- All applicants to the School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography are notified of the minimum requirements appropriate to the profession of Sonography.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) technical standards for the profession of diagnostic medical sonography include the ability to perform all the following with reasonable accommodations:

- Lift more than 50 pounds routinely
- Push and pull routinely
- Bend and stoop routinely
- Have full use of both hands, wrists and shoulders
- Distinguish audible sounds
- Adequately view sonograms, including color distinctions
- Work standing on their feet 80% of the time
- Interact compassionately and effectively with the sick or injured
- Assist patients on and off examining tables
- Organize and accurately perform the individual steps in a sonographic procedure in the proper sequence

Are you able to perform all the technical standards identified above with reasonable accommodations?

YES _____ NO _____

Ascension Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography

PROGRAM OUTCOMES	Class of 2017	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2023
Attrition Rate					
Number of Students Admitted	4	4	4	4	5
Number of Students Graduated	4	4	4	4	4
Attrition Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%
Retention Rate	100%	100%	100%	100%	80%
Job Placement Rate					
Number of Students Graduated	4	4	4	4	4
Number of Students Employed	4	4	4	4	4
Job Placement Rate	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
SPI (Physics) ARDMS Exam					
Number taking SPI exam	4	4	4	4	4
Number passing	4	4	4	4	4
Success Rate	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Abdomen ARDMS Exam					
Number taking ABD exam	4	4	4	2	3
Number passing	4	4	4	2	3
ABD Credential Success Rate	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
OB/GYN ARDMS Exam					
Number taking OB/GYN exam	4	4	3	3	2
Number passing	4*	4	3	3	2
OB/GYN Credential Success Rate	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Vascular Technology ARDMS Exam					
Number taking Vasc Tech exam	3	2	3	3	4
Number passing	3*	2	3	3	4
VT Credential Success Rate	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

* One student passed on 2nd attempt

Statistics submitted yearly to Joint Review Commission in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS). Any questions regarding this information; please contact Program Director, Tracey Oildashi at (248) 849-5385 or email Tracey.Oildashi@ascension.org.

Program outcomes will be updated after next program graduation of February 2025.

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