

# Diagnostic Medical Sonography 2025 Application Requirements

**Application Period:** May 1 to May 15

**DMS Website:** [www.nvcc.edu/academics/programs/diagnostic-medical-sonography/index.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/academics/programs/diagnostic-medical-sonography/index.html)

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program has a separate application process after applying to the college and admits a limited number of students once per year. Students are eligible to apply during the open application period after meeting all requirements. Application requirements are updated each year after the current application cycle has ended.

**Admission Policy:** Competitive

**Program Location:** Medical Education Campus, Springfield VA

**Program Size:** 32 students (16 Ob/Gyn, 8 Echo, 8 Vascular)

**Program Length:** Approximately 16 months

**Program Starts:** Every August

## What Students Need to Apply for 2025

- Watch [Sonography Information Session](#)
- Minimum **2.5 cumulative GPA** from last school attended
- **SDV 101** Orientation to Healthcare with B or better grade
- **ENG 111** College Composition I with B or better grade
- **DMS 100** Orientation to Sonography Profession with B or better grade  
*offered at MEC in the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters*
- **BIO 141** Human Anatomy & Physiology I with B or better grade completed within past 5 years
- **BIO 142** Human Anatomy & Physiology II with B or better grade completed within past 5 years
- **MTH 161** Precalculus I with B or better grade
- **PHY 100** Elements of Physics with B or better grade completed within past 5 years
- **TEAS Test** – minimum score of 70 in English, Reading, Math, and Science – [TEAS Information](#)

## How Eligible Applications Will Be Ranked

- Final grades in BIO 141, BIO 142, MTH 161, PHY 100, and DMS 100
- TEAS scores in English, Reading, Math, and Science
- Higher grades and higher TEAS scores get more points in the ranking process

## Important Application Information

- B minus, C, and P+ grades are not accepted
- Pending grades and pending transfer credits are not accepted
- Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance
- DMS typically receives 75-100 applications
- Accepts 32 students each year (16 Ob/Gyn, 8 Echo, and 8 Vascular)



## Other Accepted Options

Although not listed in the College Catalog, the DMS program also accepts the following substitutions for application:

- SDV 100 College Success Skills with B or better grade
- SDV ABLE exam with score of 38 or higher
- SDV waiver: previous associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from an accredited *United States* institution of higher education
- ENG 112 College Composition II with B or better grade
- ENG 200-level literature course with B or better grade
- MTH 161 with MDE 61 with B or better grade
- Any math course higher than MTH 161 with B or better grade
- PHY 101, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 241, or PHY 242 with B or better grade within 5 years
- College Composition CLEP Exam; score of 59 for B grade
- English Literature CLEP Exam; score of 63 for B grade
- Precalculus CLEP Exam; score of 61 for B grade
- Language, Mathematics, or Physics International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam; score of 5 for B grade; score of 6/7 for A grade
- English, Mathematics, or Physics Advanced Placement (AP) Exam; score of 4 for B grade; score of 5 for A grade

Refer to the [Health Sciences Transcript Evaluation Process](#) to transfer outside classes, degrees, or exam credit to NOVA. Refer to the current [Credit for Prior Learning Manual](#) for how NOVA awards CLEP, IB, and AP exam credit. Any needed course substitutions will be submitted by faculty advisors after official acceptance to the program. **Applicants should make sure any transferred classes or exam credits being used for application meet the B or better grade requirement.**

## How to Apply

- Successfully complete all application requirements
- Wait for the application period to open
- Have the [Information Session Code](#)
- Fill out and submit an online [Health Sciences & Nursing Application](#)
- Attach all applicable attempts of your [TEAS scores](#) to your online HSN Application
- Frequently check your VCCS email in case you are contacted for additional or missing information
- Allow up to 8 weeks after the deadline to receive final notification from the program
- All accepted students must attend a mandatory program orientation held in July
- All accepted students will receive instructions on how to complete the mandatory background check, drug screen, CPR, and health physical

**Schedule of Classes:** [www.nvcc.edu/academics/schedule](http://www.nvcc.edu/academics/schedule)

**Academic Calendar:** [www.nvcc.edu/academics/calendar](http://www.nvcc.edu/academics/calendar)