

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

CLINICAL OBSERVATION - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When am I required to complete my clinical observation hours?

You are required to complete your 20 hours of clinical observation prior to the February 1st application deadline, so that you can include your Observation Report Record with your Limited Entry application.

2. Do I need to make an appointment to complete my clinical observation hours?

An appointment is not required as you may complete your hours during the open lab hour times listed on the Sonography webpage: <http://sites.csn.edu/health/sonography.html>.

3. If I am applying for the general track, do I have to complete all of my observation hours during the general track scanning lab?

No, you can observe during any open lab regardless of the track you are applying to. Students interested in the general track can observe during the general or cardiac lab sessions and the same applies to students interested in the cardiac track.

4. Am I required to stay for the entire time listed on a particular day?

No, you are not required to stay for the entire time. You may arrive or leave at any time during the open lab hours.

5. Do I need to bring anything with me when I observe?

Yes, you must bring your Observation Report Record with you each time that you observe so that the instructor can sign off on your hours completed each day. The Observation Report Record is available online at: <http://sites.csn.edu/health/pdf/DiagSonogORR.pdf>

6. What if I cannot document all of my hours on one page?

You can print additional pages as needed and include them with your Limited Entry application.

7. Do the clinical observation hours expire?

No, the hours do not expire.

8. Should I wear scrubs when completing my observation hours?

No, you do not need to wear scrubs. Casual attire is acceptable.

9. How can I find out which clinics / hospitals will allow me to observe?

You will need to contact various clinics / hospitals to find out which facilities have a credentialed sonographer who allow you to observe. This also applies to anyone who is interested in the program that lives outside of the Las Vegas area.

10. A sonographer at the hospital has requested a liability form from CSN so that I can complete my clinical observation. Can you please provide that to me?

No, we are not authorized to provide you or the facility with any type of liability forms as you are not a current student in the program.

11. Why do I need to complete 20 hours of clinical observation?

Clinical observation gives students who are interested in applying for the program a chance to observe exactly what they would be doing if accepted into the program. It can also assist those who are not quite sure which track (general or cardiac) they would like to apply to.