

College of Southern Nevada Summer 2022 Diagnostic Medical Sonography Selection Criteria

Applicants will be ranked and selected through a point system:

Cumulative GPA for all Program Prerequisites:

- (0.4 points for each fractional grade point average over 2.5 will be awarded)

<u>GPA</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Points</u>
2.6	0.4	3.1	2.4	3.6	4.4
2.7	0.8	3.2	2.8	3.7	4.8
2.8	1.2	3.3	3.2	3.8	5.2
2.9	1.6	3.4	3.6	3.9	5.6
3.0	2.0	3.5	4.0	4.0	6.0

- **ATI TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS):** (Point(s) for selection will be based on the **Adjusted Individual Total Score**).

****PLEASE NOTE:** TEAS COMPONENTS WITH MINIMUM CUT-OFF SCORES IN ORDER TO **QUALIFY** TO APPLY:

ATI (TEAS)		ATI (TEAS)	
AREA OF TESTING	MINIMUM CUT-OFF SCORE	RANGE	POINTS
READING	80%	71-77%	1 point
MATH	60%	78-84%	2 points
ENGLISH	60%	85-90%	3 points
SCIENCE	60%	91% and higher	4 points

- Applicants who fail to establish the minimum cut-off score in **each** area will be required to re-take the **entire** exam. Each test is considered a combined complete entity. There will be NO combination of scores from separate tests.
- The completion deadline date for application materials is used as the reference point for time frames.
- Applicants have unlimited attempts to take & pass the TEAS exam with no minimum waiting period in between TEAS attempts.
- **Note: Students who have taken the TEAS exam from another state and/or institution must have all their scores officially transferred to CSN before their specified application deadline date. An unofficial copy of the TEAS score must also be presented with application prior to the deadline date.**
- TEAS scores are valid for (5) years and **MUST** be current at the time of the application deadline.
- The **TEAS Registration Information** is available online at: <https://www.csn.edu/csn-teas>

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Earn a Credential: (2 points)

- **Credentialed Health Occupation** (EMT, CNA, Orderly, etc.) A copy of the current credential must be supplied.

Healthcare Experience:

Paid Medical Field Experience:** (2 points)

- **Health Care Work Experience** - at least 6 months within the last two years.
 - Documentation form completed by employer indicating work responsibilities and length of employment must be supplied. Clerical work will not meet the requirement. The Health Care Experience Documentation Form is available online at: https://archive.csn.edu/sites/default/files/documents/dms_healthcare_experience.pdf

Volunteer Work in the Medical Field:** (2 points)

- Completed volunteer work in the medical field consisting of a minimum of 40 hours in the previous 12 months***. Volunteer work must include some form of patient interaction (e.g., assist patients to/from exam room; prepare equipment with a Sonography technician; assist nurses in patient transfers – from wheelchair to bed, etc.). **Clerical work will not meet the requirement.**
 - Note: Letter from the organization(s) where volunteer work was performed must specifically include the following:
 - On letterhead
 - Date letter was written
 - Student's name
 - Location of volunteer work
 - Date volunteer work began and ended
 - Number of volunteer hours completed
 - Specific job duties
 - Supervisor's contact information
 - Supervisor's signature

Points will only be awarded for either previous medical field experience *OR*** volunteer work in the medical field. **Points cannot be combined from these two categories.**

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20 Hours of Clinical Observation: (required)

- 20 hours of Clinical Observation of a credentialed sonographer is mandatory for program application.
- Students who cannot obtain these hours in the community may complete their observation hours at the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Scanning Lab on the West Charleston campus (Engelstad School of Health Sciences or K building room 305).
- Scanning lab hours will be posted on the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program website.
- Documentation forms for the required 20 hours of clinical observation are available online at: https://archive.csn.edu/sites/default/files/documents/dms_observation_record.pdf

Completion of General Education Requirements: (3 points)

- Points will be awarded **ONLY** if **ALL** General Education requirements are met by the completion deadline.

Previous Graduate: (5 points)

- Points will be awarded to an applicant who has previously graduated from the cardiac/vascular track of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at the College of Southern Nevada.
- Points can also be given to a currently enrolled student in the cardiac/vascular track of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at the College of Southern Nevada with an anticipated graduation date that falls prior to the start of the program they are applying for. The current program director will provide a memo verifying their enrollment status and anticipated graduation date. These points are contingent upon graduation. Should the learner fail to graduate then their acceptance into the program will be reevaluated.

These Guidelines are subject to change without notification. Please contact Health Programs Advising for more information at: 702.651.5885 or 702.651.4415.