

College of Southern Nevada

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Proficiency Test for Assessment of Anatomy & Physiology

Who is eligible?

Students applying to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program who completed college transferable course(s) **with a “C” or better** in Anatomy & Physiology (8 credits) **more than seven years from the application deadline.**

What is purpose of the proficiency test?

By satisfactorily passing this standardized exam for Anatomy & Physiology, the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Director will waive the seven-year policy for the science courses and provide a memo to the student **with instructions to use the grades originally received for the science course(s)** for the purpose of selection into the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program.

If you are interested in taking the Proficiency Test for Assessment of Anatomy & Physiology and meet the eligibility requirements above, please reference the process steps below:

1. Student must send an email to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program’s Administrative Assistant with the following information:

- Student Name
- Student ID Number
- Unofficial transcript (if courses were taken at CSN) **or** Transfer Credit Evaluation (if courses were transferred to CSN) to confirm that BIOL 223 & BIOL 224 were completed with a “C” or better more than seven years from the application deadline.

Note: The Administrative Assistant’s email address is located on the Sonography website: <https://www.csn.edu/programs/diagnostic-medical-sonography>

2. The Administrative Assistant will confirm that the student submits the required documentation before requesting approval from the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Director and Biology Department Chair for the student to take the Proficiency Test.

3. The student will receive an email from the Administrative Assistant once a response is received from Biology Department Chair.

- **IF** the student receives approval to take the Proficiency Test, the student must follow the instructions within the notification email sent by the Administrative Assistant.
- **IF** the student does not receive approval to take the Proficiency Test, the student must retake BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 and receive a grade of “C” or better prior to the application deadline.

4. After taking the Proficiency Test the student must receive a score at or above the 50th percentile in order to be eligible to apply to the program.
- **IF** the student receives a score at or above the 50th percentile, he/she must print a copy of their test results and submit it with their limited entry application. The limited entry office will verify the accuracy of the test scores.
 - **IF** the student receives a score lower than the 50th percentile, he/she will have to retake BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 and receive a grade of “C” or better prior to the application deadline.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much does the proficiency test cost?

The Proficiency Test costs \$23.00.

2. How does a student pay once approved to take the test?

The approved student will receive instructions from the Administrative Assistant in regards to scheduling and paying for the test.

3. Can students retake the proficiency test?

No. A student is not permitted to retake the Proficiency Test as the purpose of the test is to determine a student's proficiency in Anatomy & Physiology after completing the courses over seven years ago.

4. Where can I find a study guide?

Study guides are not available as the purpose of the test is to determine a student's proficiency in Anatomy & Physiology after completing the courses over seven years ago.

5. What happens if I do not pass the proficiency test?

The seven-year policy will not be waived and you will need to retake BIOL 223 and BIOL 224.

6. What if BIOL 223 was completed more than seven years from the application deadline, but BIOL 224 is still valid?

Please contact the Sonography Program Director.