

# Diagnostic Medical Sonography Frequently Asked Questions

## Who is eligible to apply?

Credentialed, \*clinically-based health care providers graduated from a regionally accredited institution of higher education who have also completed the listed prerequisite course work. Sonography Program prerequisites are available for review at: <http://hs.boisestate.edu/radsci/sonography/prerequisites/>

\*Clinically-based health care provider education includes activities such as learning to: insert a urinary catheter, starting an I.V., providing stoma care, giving an enema, etc.

## Does Boise State offer clinically-based health care provider programs that meet the Sonography Program prerequisite?

Boise State offers bachelor of science degrees in Diagnostic Radiography, Respiratory Care and Nursing that meet the “clinically-based health care provider” prerequisite for the sonography program. Note that radiographers are given preference in the sonography program selection process.

Further information about these programs is available online at: <https://hs.boisestate.edu/programs/>

## What does it cost?

An estimate of the cost to attend the program “professional” year of classes is available on our website ( <https://hs.boisestate.edu/radsci/sonography/> ) under the “Program Costs” link.

Information about the general cost of attendance may be reviewed on Boise State’s Admission webpage at: <https://admissions.boisestate.edu/cost/>

## Is financial aid available?

The Department of Radiologic Sciences does offer a few scholarships annually to students participating in a medical imaging program. Students must submit a department scholarship application annually to be considered and must meet the FAFSA filing requirements to be considered for need-based scholarships.

Information about additional financial aid offered through Boise State may be reviewed on the Financial Aid Department’s webpage at: <https://financialaid.boisestate.edu/>

## How long is the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program?

The Sonography Program curriculum contains a total of 122 – 126 credits to complete a Bachelor of Science degree. (Review the detailed curriculum at: <https://hs.boisestate.edu/radsci/sonography/curriculum/> ) Candidates enter the program with a minimum of 32 – 37 prerequisite credits in addition to up to 25 credits for their clinical healthcare provider professional course work and certification. The remaining 64 – 65 credits are completed in sonography specific course work and other major requirements.

An Academic Certificate in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and second Bachelor of Science degree may be completed in 1 year. This option requires 36 credits to be taken over 3 semesters. See the curriculum listed below:

<i>Course Number and Title</i>	<i>Credits</i>
HLTHST 300 Pathophysiology	4
RADSCI 430 Comparative Sectional Imaging in the Radiologic Sciences	3
RADSCI 460 Sonographic Physics and Instrumentation	3
RADSCI 461 Abdominal Sonography	3
RADSCI 461L Abdominal Scanning Lab	1
RADSCI 462 Obstetrics/Gynecology Sonography	3
RADSCI 463 Doppler Procedures	2
RADSCI 463L Doppler Procedures Lab	1
RADSCI 464 Special Sonographic Procedures	1
RADSCI 467 Clinical Experience in Medical Sonography I	4
RADSCI 468 Clinical Experience in Medical Sonography II	5
RADSCI 469 Clinical Experience in Medical Sonography III	6
<i>Total</i>	36

### **What if I don't have my prerequisite classes completed by March 1<sup>st</sup>?**

You will be applying during the spring semester and may be currently enrolled in the last of your coursework at that time. Students are allowed to complete 1 prerequisite class in the summer, but they do receive a point deduction in the selection process for not having all prerequisite courses complete by the end of the spring semester.

### **How will my course work from another college transfer to BSU?**

BSU has a transfer guide on-line that may be helpful to find a transfer equivalent class. The web address is: <https://registrar.boisestate.edu/transfers/transfer->

[equivalency/](#) If the transfer guide doesn't provide you with an acceptable course you may call the registrar's office to speak with a transcript evaluator at: 208-426-4249. You should look at similar classes in your current school's catalog & find a couple of potential candidates for transfer. Do not expect the transcript evaluator to search your school's catalog for an equivalent class for you. BSU course descriptions are available in the current undergraduate catalog at: <https://registrar.boisestate.edu/undergraduate/>

### **Will I have to take UF &/or DL classes?**

As a transfer student with a certificate, diploma or applied associate degree you will be required to meet Boise State's general education requirements for graduation, which will include taking both UF 100 and 200, as well as DL classes. Unfortunately, there are no classes that will transfer into BSU as equivalent the UF classes so you will need to take them at BSU. But many classes will transfer to Boise State to meet the DL course requirements.

As a transfer student with an academic associate or bachelor degree you will be considered to have met BSU's general education requirements for graduation and will not need to take any additional UF or DL classes.

### **How do program graduates perform on national certification tests?**

Current information about Sonography Program graduate pass-rates on national certification examinations is available on our website ( <https://hs.boisestate.edu/radsci/sonography/> ) under the "Program Outcomes" link.

### **What is the employment rate for Sonography Program graduates?**

Current information about Sonography Program graduate employment is available on our website ( <https://hs.boisestate.edu/radsci/sonography/> ) under the "Program Outcomes" link.

### **What is the employment outlook for Sonographers?**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics provides information about potential employment outlook in their Occupational Outlook Handbook available online at: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/diagnostic-medical-sonographers.htm>

### **Is the Boise State Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program accredited?**

The Boise State University Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs  
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Clearwater, FL 33763  
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Boise State University is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

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(425) 558-4224  
[www.nwccu.org](http://www.nwccu.org)

Candidates will receive credit for up to 25 credits of health care specific course work earned from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

### **Who should I contact with further questions?**

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