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Associate in Science Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Admission Guide

Catalog Year 2025-2026

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at Valencia College is Limited-Access. This guide outlines the admissions process, including program course requirements, application requirements, and the next steps after applying. This program equips students with the skills and experience needed to succeed as a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer.

Admission Updates

Course Requirement Changes (Effective Fall 2025)

1. Beginning Fall 2025, PSY 2012- General Psychology, will no longer be a graduation requirement. Please review the new requirements carefully before applying.

Application Deadline:

Program Start Term	Application Opens	Application Close
Fall 2025	May 1, 2025	May 31, 2025
Admission is Once Per Year		

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Location:

Campus Location	Available Seats
West Campus	Up to 14

Complete Before Applying

Item	Details
Program Requirements	Confirm you meet all the program requirements outlined in this guide, including prerequisite classes, required minimum GPA, and ATI TEAS scores.
Valencia College General Admission	Complete **ALL** the steps outlined in the **Steps to Enrollment** **Applying to Valencia College** (This is the General Admission Application and not the secondary Allied Health Application) **Submit transcripts:** Submit high school and college transcripts from all institutions attended. Transcripts must be posted to your Valencia record before applying. Students using AP/IB/CLEP scores for prerequisites must request official scores from collegeboard.org (AP/CLEP) or ibo.org (IB). ** Transfer students who are not considered "first-time in college" do not need to submit a high school transcript.* **Placement Testing:** Meet Valencia College entry testing requirements **Student Success Coach:** Meet with a Student Success Coach to ensure you've met all requirements.
Confirm Eligibility	You must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. Permanent Resident, or International Student. **International Students*: In addition to the required background check for clinical compliance (post-acceptance), a second background check from your home country is required. For concerns regarding this requirement, contact the Health Sciences Compliance Office. **Individuals with DACA, Temporary Protection Status, Refugee, or Asylee status must complete the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) before applying. Graduates will need a **Social Security Number** for NCLEX-RN licensure.
Age Requirement	Must be 18 or older by the <u>start</u> date of all Health Sciences Programs
Allied Health Info Session	Virtual or in-person information sessions are held each term to discuss the program requirements.
Core Performance Standards	Review the Core Performance Standards Requirement
Transfer Courses	Transfer courses may need to be reviewed for potential course substitution or equivalency. This must be completed <u>before</u> submitting the program application. Transfer courses with 'S' or 'P' grades need to be reviewed for eligibility by the Health Sciences team

Program Course Requirement

The following points system is used to select eligible students. Student selection is based on the total number of points earned, overall GPA, Prerequisite GPA, and ATI TEAS Scores. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the application deadline with a grade of "C" or better. You may not repeat a course for grade forgiveness for which you previously earned a grade of A, B or C.

Minimum Overall GPA Requirement: 2.5

Minimum ATI TEAS Requirement: Composite Score of 58.7%

*If ATI TEAS was taken outside of the Valencia College Assessment Center, you must request official exam scores from ATI TEAS and then complete the ATI Matching Request form

Program Course Prerequisites			
The following courses are **required** to be eligible for selection			
Course	**Title**	**CR**	**Points**
BSC 2085C or BSC 2093C	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4.0	A=10, B=8, C=6
BSC 2086C or BSC 2094C	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4.0	A=10, B=8, C=6
PHY 1007C	Physics with Medical Applications	4.0	A=10, B=8, C=6
MAC 1105	College Algebra	3.0	A=3, B=2, C=1
ENC 1101	Freshman Composition I	3.0	A=3, B=2, C=1
Humanities	Core Humanities	3.0	A=3, B=2, C=1
Additional Points – Required for Graduation			
The following **courses are required for graduation**. Completion of these courses with a minimum grade of C prior to the application deadline will result in additional admission points to be a competitive applicant			
POS 2041, AMH 2020, or **AMH 2010** (AMH 2010 completed fall 2024 and beyond)	Civic Literacy	3.0	A=3, B=2, C=1
HSC 1531	Medical Terminology	3.0	A=3, B=2, C=1
Florida Civic Literacy Exam	Passing Score: 60%		1
Additional Points – Not Required for Graduation			
The following courses **are <u>not</u> required for graduation**. Completion of these courses with a minimum grade of C prior to the application deadline will result in additional admission points to be a competitive applicant.			
HSC 1004 or SLS 1122	Introduction to Health Professions **or** New Student Experience	3.0	A=3, B=2, C=1
PSY 2012	General Psychology **(if completed before fall 2025. This is effective until summer 2026.)**	3.0	A=3, B=2, C=1
Alternate	Previous year applicants identified as Alternate		3
		Total Possible Points	**55**

How to Apply to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program

Steps to Apply	Description
Submit a <u>Secondary</u> Diagnostic Medical Sonography Application.	1. Submit a General Valencia College Application. (This must be completed first. (***Active* students *are not required* to submit a General Admission Application.)** 2. Submit a Diagnostic Medical Sonography Application
Valencia Student Status	Your Valencia College Student Status **must** be "active" before submitting a secondary Sonography application
Log In to the Application	Use your MyVC username and password. You must complete the entire application.
Submit the Application	Pay the $15 non-refundable application fee. The application is **NOT** complete until payment is received.

What Happens After You Apply

Application Review Process: The application reviews will occur over 4-6 weeks after the closing deadline. Admissions are based on a competitive points system.

Application Notification: Your application decision will be sent to your MyVC email**.** You must monitor your email for updates. You will receive one of the following responses below:

Response Type

Response Type	Description
Selected	Accepted into the Program. Must confirm acceptance
Alternate	May be offered a seat if one becomes available
Not Selected	Met program eligibility requirements, but not competitive for selection
Ineligible	Did not meet program eligibility requirements

Requirements If Selected for Admission

Mandatory Diagnostic Medical Sonography Orientation: All accepted and alternate students must attend the Mandatory Diagnostic Medical Sonography Orientation, which is held before the program begins.

Orientation Dates

Term Begins	Orientation Date
Fall 2025	July 11th, 2025

Clinical Compliance Requirements

Compliance requirements and deadlines will be discussed during Orientation. Students who are accepted into a Health Sciences Program must submit the items listed below:

Item	Description
Background Check	Level II Background Check
Drug Screening	10 Panel Drug Screening
Fingerprints	To ensure students meet clinical requirements
CPR Certification	**American Heart Association** (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR Certification
Required Vaccinations	1. **COVID-19** or Exemption Form 2. **Hepatitis B** 3. **Influenza** (Flu)*** 4. **MMR** (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) 5. **Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) 6. **Tuberculosis** (TB) screening* 7. **Varicella** (Chickenpox) * Required Annually

Contact Information

Question	Contact
Application Questions	healthscienceapplications@valenciacollege.edu
Compliance Questions	hscompliance@valenciacollege.edu
Health Sciences Website	https://valenciacollege.edu/health
Allied Health Info Session	https://valenciacollege.edu/HealthInfoSessions
Valencia College Application	https://valenciacollege.edu/apply-credit/
Secondary Health Science App	https://valenciacollege.edu/apply-health
Valencia Assessment Center	https://valenciacollege.edu/teas
ATI TEAS Website	https://www.atitesting.com/teas/transcript
ATI TEAS Matching Request Form	https://forms.valenciacollege.edu/assessment-ati-score-matching-request
Equal Opportunity Institution	https://valenciacollege.edu/about/equal-opportunity-title-ix/

Estimated Program Cost

Item	Cost Range
CastleBranch	$192.99
Uniforms	Up to $200
Instructional Material	Up to $800
Immunizations	Up to $500

***Disclaimer**: Prices are subject to change. This cost does not include tuition.

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

Sonography is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. Based on these requirements, the following list of "Core Performance Standards" has been developed. Each standard has an example of an activity, or activities, that a student will be required to perform while enrolled in the Sonography program. These standards are a part of each Sonography course and of the professional role expectation of a Sonographer.

For the Sonography Program, a qualified individual with a disability is one who, with or without reasonable accommodations or modifications, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the program. Valencia College: School of Health Sciences makes no preadmission inquiries concerning an applicant's disability status. Information related to an applicant's disabilities is not a part of the information reviewed by the Admission Committee.

These Performance Standards should be used to assist students in identifying the academic and clinical expectations for all students. Students needing reasonable accommodations to fulfill required program outcomes or clinical expectations are encouraged to contact the Office for Students with Disabilities to engage in an interactive process regarding their request. It is the student's responsibility to notify and register with the Office for Students with Disabilities to identify and receive reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations are effective only after engaging in this process and are not retroactive. Determination is made on an individual basis as to whether any accommodations or modifications can be reasonably made. **Valencia is an Equal Opportunity Institution**.

Core Performance Standards		
Criteria	**Standard**	**Examples of Activities**
Critical Thinking	Sound judgment and decision-making in clinical settings	Assess conditions from 20+ ft, evaluate images, initiate emergency care, adjust equipment.
Interpersonal	Ability to engage with diverse individuals respectfully	Show empathy, collaborate under stress, establish patient rapport.
Communication	Clear verbal and written English communication	Instruct patients, read charts, document care accurately.
Mobility	Move through clinical spaces and transport equipment/patients safely	Push/pull/lift 40 lbs., maneuver 500-lb machine, assist patient transfers.
Motor Skills	Fine/gross motor control for clinical procedures	Prolonged scanning, perform CPR, manipulate tools, input data.
Hearing	Hear verbal cues, alarms, and patient needs from a distance	Detect normal conversation and emergency sounds from 20 feet.
Visual	Sufficient acuity to observe, assess, and document	See small text, monitor patients, read equipment displays.
Tactile	Perform physical assessments and operate controls	Palpate for positioning, manipulate dials/switches.

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