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Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program

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Sonography - Yes, We Scan

Are you looking for a challenging and exciting career with many opportunities? Consider a career as a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer. A Diagnostic Medical Sonographer is a highly-skilled professional who uses specialized equipment to create images of structures inside the human body that are used by physicians to make a medical diagnosis.



Sonographers have extensive, direct patient contact that may include performing some invasive procedures. They must be able to interact compassionately and effectively with people who range from healthy to critically ill.

After being admitted to the program, the recommended course sequence takes three semesters.

The graduate is eligible to apply to and write the National Registry Examination for Diagnostic Medical Sonographer. Graduates may earn either a diploma or an Associate in Applied Science degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Due to the continuing advancement of technology in sonography, there is a critical shortage of sonographers nationwide. Employment opportunities exist in hospitals, clinics, mobile services, and private physician's offices. Program graduates will find career opportunities locally, regionally, or nationally.

The Sonography Program is accredited by the Committee for Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

For additional information regarding career opportunities in Sonography, contact the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) at www.sdms.org or the American Registry of diagnostic Medical Sonographers at www.ARDMS.org



Financial Aid

West Kentucky Community and Technical College participates in a full range of federal and state financial aid programs that include grants, loans and work-study.

For information on any of these programs, contact the College's Financial Aid Office by phoning (270) 534-3248.

The College also awards academic scholarships to first-time freshmen and continuing students. Scholarship information may be obtained in the Anderson Technical Building or by phoning (270) 534-3408.

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For more information about WKCTC and the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program, visit our website at: allied.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/

Frequently Asked Questions...

- Q. What do Sonographers earn?**
A. The national average for Sonographers in 2000 was \$44,820, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Q. Are there job opportunities?**
A. Yes. As technology advances and the American population ages, the demand for sonographers has soared. Opportunities to advance within the field are expanding as well.
- Q. What are the concentrations of the Sonography Program?**
A. Our program is considered a general sonography program, which includes physics, abdominal and OB/GYN. A graduate is eligible to sit for the American Registry in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) Board Exam in these concentrations.
- Q. How many students are admitted and when?**
A. We are accredited to accept 12 students per year in the Fall semester. Students are admitted in the Fall semester.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at West Kentucky Community and Technical College is to prepare individuals who, by virtue of training in both theory and practice, are proficient in the areas of abdominal and obstetric/gynecological sonography.

Where will YOU go to College?

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