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1. Credentialed, clinically-based health care provider graduated from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (minimum of an AS degree) i.e., Radiography, Respiratory Therapy, Nursing, etc.
   a. Graduates of two-year allied health education programs that are patient-care related.
   b. Two-year programs are 24 full-time consecutive calendar months
   c. Full-time is 24 hours per week for at least 48 weeks per year
   d. Does not include general course work such as English, Math, etc.
   e. Preference will be given to radiographers in the selection process.
   f. Applicants may be completing the final semester of their direct patient care education at the time of application.
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g. Applicants must hold an active registration and/or be licensed in good standing with the appropriate state and/or national agency.
h. Acceptance into the Program will be contingent upon successfully passing the appropriate national examination by August 1 of the year accepted.

2. The following prerequisite courses must be completed prior to starting the program:
   a. ENGL 101 Introduction to College Writing
   b. ENGL 102 Introduction to College Writing and Research
   c. MATH 143 Precalculus I: Algebraic Functions or MATH 170 Calculus I or ACT of 27
   d. BIOL 227 Human Anatomy and Physiology
   e. BIOL 228 Human Anatomy and Physiology
   f. HLTH 101 Medical Terminology
   g. CHEM 101/L Essentials of Chemistry I OR CHEM 111/111L General Chemistry I
   h. PHYS 101 Introduction to Physics OR PHYS 106 Radiation Physics
   i. FS PSYC 101 General Psychology or FS SOC 101 Intro to Sociology
   j. ITM 104, 105, 106 (or successful completion of the COBE Computer Placement Exam for Word Processing, Spreadsheet, and Database sections)
   k. Preference will be given to those who have also completed:
      i. A three credit statistics course
      ii. HLTH 300 Pathophysiology
      iii. HLTH 365 Quality Improvement & Performance Mgmt
      iv. HLTH 400 Interprofessional Capstone
      v. The foundational requirements set forth by the University to include:
         1. UF 100 Foundations of Intellectual Life
         2. UF 200 Foundations of Ethics and Diversity
         3. FH (Foundations of Humanities)
         4. FA (Foundations of Arts)
         5. FS (Foundations of Social Sciences) in a second field
            a. Helpful tip: complete both FS PSYC 101 General Psychology AND FS SOC 101 Intro to Sociology despite only having one of these courses completed as a prerequisite to apply

3. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
4. Complete application, transcripts, and reference forms must be received in the Department of Radiologic Sciences at Boise State University no later than March 1 to be considered for the program each fall.

The Sonography Program prerequisites are also available for review at: 
https://www.boisestate.edu/radiologicsciences/sonography/prerequisites/
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I have a bachelor's degree in [x], can I bypass the clinical prerequisite as a result?

No. This clinical requirement comes straight from our national accrediting body. Students must have proved their competency via credentialing in areas such as: insertion of a urinary catheter, starting an I.V., providing stoma care, giving an enema, setting a sterile tray, performing a procedural timeout, etc.

Credentialed means you have sat or will sit for an exam proctored at a state or national level to prove your competency in your respective clinical field.

Previously earned AAS/AS/BS degrees can be in the following fields: Radiography, Respiratory Therapy, Nursing, Medical Assistant, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Surgical Technologist, Dental Hygienist, Optometrist Technician, etc.

Students holding a credential of lower levels of clinically based education such as CNA, LPN, EMT, ER Tech, or Army Medic will be considered on a one on one basis based on otherwise held prior work and educational experience. Students may be asked to apply to the program before being fully considered.

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Further information about these programs is available online at: https://www.boisestate.edu/healthsciences/programs/

What does it cost?

An estimate of the cost to attend the program “professional” year of program classes is available on our website under the “Program Costs” link. https://www.boisestate.edu/radiologicsciences/files/2014/05/Cost-Sheet-DMS-Prog20-21.xls.pdf

Information about tuition and fees may be reviewed on Boise State’s Student Financial Services webpage at: https://vpfa.boisestate.edu/student-financial-services/boise-state-university-fees/

Is financial aid available?
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The Department of Radiologic Sciences does offer a few scholarships annually to students participating in a medical imaging program. Students 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. 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. Students are not encouraged to complete this when the bachelor’s degree is in reach as the general employer preference is for sonographers to hold a bachelor’s degree. The certificate option requires 36 credits to be taken over 3 semesters. The same aforementioned prerequisites apply as listed above. See the curriculum listed below:

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(Review the detailed curriculum at: https://www.boisestate.edu/radiologicsciences/sonography/curriculum/)

What if I don’t have my prerequisite classes completed by March 1st?

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 prerequisite coursework in the summer, but they do receive point deductions in the selection process for not having all prerequisite courses complete by the end of the spring semester. Courses taken over the summer must be completed with a minimum of C letter-grade while maintaining at least your current prerequisite GPA.

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://www.boisestate.edu/registrar/transfers/ If the transfer equivalency 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://www.boisestate.edu/registrar-catalog/

Will I have to take University Foundations classes to complete a bachelor degree?

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 FD 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 UF 200, as well as Foundations of the Discipline (FD) classes. Unfortunately, there are no classes that will transfer into BSU as equivalent the UF 200 class so you will need to take it at BSU. But many classes will transfer to Boise State to meet the FD course requirements.

How do program graduates perform on national certification tests?

DMS program graduates are qualified to write the Sonography registry exam offered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (https://www.arrt.org) and the SPI, Abdomen, and Obstetric & Gynecology exams offered by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (https://www.ardms.org).
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Current information about Sonography Program graduate pass-rates on national certification examinations is available on our website under the “Program Outcomes” link. https://www.boisestate.edu/radiologicsciences/sonography/

What is the employment rate for Sonography Program graduates?

Current information about Sonography Program graduate employment is available on our website under the “Program Outcomes” link. https://www.boisestate.edu/radiologicsciences/sonography/

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 (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS)
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What can I do to boost my chances of gaining entry to the program/be a strong applicant?

The selection process is discussed on the Sonography Program Website at:
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https://www.boisestate.edu/radiologic sciences/sonography/application-process/

General tips for success:

- Obtain experience volunteering, shadowing, etc. in a sonography setting by spending time in a hospital, clinic, or on campus in the sonography lab (contact Anastasia Tracy - info below) and be sure to discuss these experiences in your application materials and during your interview, if offered
- Ensure you understand and are willing to comply with the SDMS Code of Ethics for Sonographers found: https://www.sdms.org/about/who-we-are/code-of-ethics
- Be familiar with the material that can be found on our department website
- Keep your GPA above a 3.0 and complete all prerequisite course work
- Radiographers are given preference in the selection process

Who should I contact with further questions?

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