

BRCC Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program

Application Quick Guide

(Read Before Requesting Advising)

Before requesting advising, review the information below. Most common questions are answered here.

Program Facts

- Approximately **15 students are admitted each year**
- Application period **September 2nd-October 31st**
- The program begins **every January**
- The program lasts **4 consecutive semesters (18 months)**
 - **Spring/Summer/Fall/Spring**
- Admission is **competitive**

Minimum Requirements to Apply

You may apply if you:

- ✓ **Have completed or will complete all prerequisite courses by the end of the fall semester**
- ✓ **Have a minimum 2.75 GPA in prerequisite courses**
- ✓ **Completed SONO 1011 – Foundations of Sonography**
- ✓ **Take the ATI TEAS exam**

Meeting minimum requirements **does NOT guarantee admission.**

How Students Are Ranked- Admission Score

| Criteria | Weight |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| GPA in prerequisite courses | 60% |
| ATI TEAS score | 30% |
| SONO 1011 grade | 10% |

Application Eligibility Self-Check

You are eligible to apply **only if all answers below are YES.**

| Question | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Will you complete all prerequisite courses by the end of the fall semester? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is your prerequisite GPA 2.75 or higher ? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Will you have completed SONO 1011 by the end of the fall semester ? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Will you have taken the ATI TEAS by the end of the application period (October 31 st)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you answered **NO to any question**, you are **not yet eligible to apply.**

Continue completing prerequisites before requesting advising.

SONO 1011 – Foundations of Sonography

SONO 1011 is a **1-credit hour lab course required before applying to the Sonography Program.**

This course introduces students to the sonography profession and basic ultrasound concepts.

Topics Covered

- Role of the sonographer in clinical settings
- Patient communication and professional expectations
- Basic ultrasound equipment and terminology
- Ethical and safety considerations in healthcare

Enrollment Requirements

To request enrollment in SONO 1011, students must:

- ✓ Successfully complete **Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 2213/2211)**

How to Request a Seat

- Complete the **SONO 1011 request form (OPENS THE DAY OF SPRING OR FALL REGISTRATION)**
- The form **MUST BE COMPLETED THE SEMESTER BEFORE YOU WANT TO TAKE THE COURSE.** Usually with Anatomy & Physiology II
- Enrollment requires **approval from the Program Director – an email request will not be accepted.**

Important

- **SONO 1011 must be completed before admission to the Sonography Program.**
- Seats are limited due to lab capacity.

Course Availability

| Semester | Sections Offered | Format |
|----------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Spring | 3–4 sections | 16 weeks, 2 hours lab/week |
| Summer | 1 section | 8 weeks, 4 hours lab/week |
| Fall | 8–9 sections | 16 weeks, 2 hours lab/week |

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply without SONO 1011?

No. SONO 1011 must be completed before admission.

Can I apply while taking prerequisite courses?

Yes, if all prerequisites will be completed **by the end of the fall semester**.

How many students are accepted each year?

Approximately **12 students per year**, depending on clinical site availability.

Can I take SONO 1011 at another college?

No. SONO 1011 must be taken **at BRCC**.

If I am not accepted, can I apply again?

Yes. Students may apply in future application cycles.

Will additional SONO 1011 sections be added?

Sections are limited due to lab capacity. Additional sections are **rarely added**.

Advising Information

Students are encouraged to carefully review this advising packet before requesting assistance. Most common questions regarding prerequisites, SONO 1011 enrollment, and the application process are addressed in this document.

Students should also contact their **general academic advisor** for initial guidance. General advisors have access to the same program information and can assist with course planning, registration, and prerequisite review.

If additional program-specific advising is needed, students may contact the Sonography Program Director.

Due to the high number of inquiries received each semester, **questions that are already answered in this advising packet may not receive a response.** Reviewing all advising materials and consulting with your general advisor first will help ensure your questions are addressed as efficiently as possible.

Before Requesting Advising Checklist

Students should only request advising **after completing the steps below.**

- ✓ Read the advising packet
- ✓ Complete the prerequisite checklist
- ✓ Review the eligibility self-check

Use Calendly link if you have questions or situations not address in the advising packet.

[Advising Link: Calendly.com/chloemhidalgo91](https://calendly.com/chloemhidalgo91)

Advising Appointment Requests

When requesting an advising appointment, students must include the required confirmation codeword in the **comments section of the appointment request form** to confirm that they have reviewed the advising materials.

Must put codeword to confirm advising appointment into comment

Codeword: Marshmallow

Requests submitted without the codeword may not be approved.