

BRCC Diagnostic Medical Sonography AAS Program

Application Information & Instructions

Thank You for Your Interest

Thank you for your interest in the **Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree Program** at Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC). Please read all information thoroughly. **You alone are responsible for correctly completing the application and submitting all documentation. Late, incomplete, or incorrect applications will not be accepted.**

Important Note: I will not contact applicants to correct or complete submissions. Be sure your application is fully accurate before submission.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applications are accepted **only during the fall semester** of each academic year.
 - You **may apply** if you have completed all prerequisite courses or will complete them by the **end of the fall semester**, even if you have **not taken SONO 1011**.
 - Entry into the Sonography program is **competitive**. Meeting prerequisites does **not guarantee acceptance**.
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Selection Criteria

Admission is based on:

- GPA in the 30 hours of prerequisite courses
 - Score on the **ATI TEAS** exam
 - Score in **SONO 1011: Foundations of Sonography**
 - **Clinical site availability** also determines how many students can be admitted.
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Program Structure

- The program begins **each January** and continues for **four consecutive semesters**, graduating the following May.
 - Once accepted, **classes are full-time: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**
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Application Process: Key Details

1. Submitting the Application

- **Deadline:** The deadline is posted on the application. **No extensions will be granted.**
- All Application will be submitted online.

Applications are NOT accepted by email, fax, or phone.

2. Required Documents

- **Unofficial electronic transcript** showing final grades or "P" for all prerequisites.
 - If all prior coursework is visible on your **BRCC transcript**, submit one **printed unofficial transcript** from BRCC only (use the "Print as PDF" option in Degree Works).
 - If your major is **not declared** as Diagnostic Medical Sonography, use the "What If" tool in Degree Works to display AAS DMS prerequisites.
 - *Degree Works transcripts not showing AAS DMS major will not be accepted.*
 - Submit a **Change of Major** form via **LoLA > Student and Academic Links**.
 - If coursework is from another institution and is **not visible** on your BRCC transcript, submit:
 - **Two (2) official transcripts** from that institution:
 - One **electronic** transcript sent directly to Chloe' Hidalgo
 - One **electronic** transcript sent to the **BRCC Registrar's Office**
 - **2x2 inch color photo** attached to the application
 - Does not need to be a passport photo, but it must be sized correctly.
 - All application materials must be complete and correct at time of submission. Incomplete submissions will be returned for correction and resubmission.
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3. Testing Requirements

- Entrance testing is conducted via the **ATI TEAS exam**, administered:
 - Online from your home (with an online proctor) **or**
 - On-site at the **BRCC Testing Center**
 - **Testing dates will be announced via email to all applicants** once finalized.
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Contact Information

For questions or assistance:

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers, or Ultrasonographers, utilize specialized equipment to direct high-frequency sound waves into targeted areas of the body. These sound waves create images, or sonograms, which are digitally recorded and interpreted by a physician for medical diagnosis. Sonographers work in diverse healthcare environments and may specialize in various areas.

- **Obstetric and Gynecologic Sonographers** focus on imaging of the developing fetus and the female reproductive system.
- **Abdominal Sonographers** perform examinations of the abdominal organs to assist in diagnosing medical conditions.

Registered Sonographers practice within their professional and legal scope, adhering to industry standards and ethical care practices. The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program provides students with the academic foundation and technical skills necessary for entry-level employment in the field.

Accreditation

The BRCC Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is accredited by the **Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)**.

Learn more at www.caahep.org

CAAHEP is a recognized postsecondary programmatic accrediting agency by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). It works in partnership with 23 review committees and accredits over 2,100 entry-level programs across 28 health science professions.

Contact CAAHEP:

9355 - 113th St. N, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775-7709

Phone: 727-210-2350

Program Goal

The goal of the program is to prepare competent, entry-level general sonographers in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavioral) learning domains.

Credentialing

Graduates of the BRCC Sonography Program are eligible to take the national certification exams through the **American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS)**. To earn the **Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS)** credential, candidates must successfully complete exams in both physics and a specialty area. Visit www.ardms.org for more information.

Please note that ARDMS may impose sanctions or deny certification to individuals with certain legal or ethical violations, in accordance with its policies and procedures.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Admission to the Sonography program is competitive. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance. Applicants are evaluated based on:

1. GPA in 30 credit hours of prerequisite coursework
2. Score on the ATI TEAS entrance exam
3. Grade in **SONO 1011: Foundations of Sonography**

Steps to Apply

1. **Attend a Sonography Information Session**
Dates and details are posted on the BRCC Sonography webpage.
2. **Complete Prerequisite Courses**
A minimum GPA of **2.75** is required in the following 30 credit hours, with no grade lower than a C:

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
MATH 1213	College Algebra	3
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	3
PSYC 2013	Introduction to Psychology	3
BIOL 2214	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2224	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PHYS 1013	Concepts in Physics	3
HLSC 1103	Medical Terminology	3
PHIL 2253	Biomedical Ethics	3
HUMN	Humanities Elective	3
SONO 1011	Foundations of Sonography	1

Total: 30 Credit Hours

3. **Submit Transcripts**
 - If all coursework is visible on your BRCC transcript, submit one **unofficial** BRCC transcript.
 4. **Register for ATI TEAS Exam**
Create an account at the ATI website. Pay testing fees directly to ATI. Testing dates will be announced via email.
 5. **Take ATI TEAS Exam**
 - Minimum required score: **65%**
 - Test may be taken once per cycle.
 - Exam may be proctored online or administered at the BRCC Testing Center.
 6. **Submit Completed Application**
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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION & NEXT STEPS

1. Applicants will be notified of their admission status on or around **December 15, 2025**.
2. Accepted students must complete the following before classes begin in January:
 - Physical Exam and Health History
 - TB Skin Test and Immunizations (including full COVID-19 vaccination and boosters)
 - 10-Panel Urine Drug Screen
 - Criminal Background Check and Fingerprinting

Forms and instructions will be provided in the acceptance packet, along with a list of recommended vendors.

3. **Mandatory Orientation**
All admitted students must attend orientation on the first day of class. Missing orientation may result in loss of program placement.
4. **Not Accepted?**
Applicants not selected are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor to discuss strategies for future applications, including GPA and TEAS improvement.