Cleveland Clinic
School of Health Professions

Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Admissions/Enrollment

2027-2028 Academic Year

Application Process

The Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program uses a selective process to determine which students will be accepted into the program. Acceptance into the program is based on a point system that includes scores from a behavior-based interview, high school and college GPAs, and the number of additional science and math classes with a grade of "C" or better. The higher the grade on the science and math courses, the more points awarded.

The program accepts up to 10 students each year based upon clinical site availability. Acceptance letters will be emailed approximately one month after the interview process has been completed. The Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program starts each year in August.

The Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program begins accepting applications September 1. The application deadline each year is February 1 to be considered for the Fall Semester start date. Please select ‘Fall 2027’ in the ‘Anticipated Starting Semester’ field of the application.

Please note, if the application window of the Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program is closed it will not appear in the ‘Program of Interest’ list within the application. Applicants will only be able to submit their application when the application window is open.

Technical Standards

To be successful in the Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program, applicants and current students must meet the following technical standards with or without reasonable accommodation.

1. Candidates must have the ability to distinguish between shades of color and greyscale that will be seen in diagnostic imaging.
2. Candidates must have the ability to respond to verbal requests by patients, instructors, clinical preceptors and other caregivers.
3. Candidates must be able to move a minimum of thirty (30) pounds and be able to support up to 175 lbs. Sonographers must assist, support and move patients to and from wheelchairs and carts onto Sonographic examination tables.

4. Sonographers work in a stationary position, sometimes for hours. Candidates must be able to move among different scanning and patient care areas.
5. Sonographers must be able to instruct patients and be able to express concern and empathy for them. Candidates must possess good communications skills as evidenced from the application and interview process. Sonographers must perform data entry with efficiency and accuracy.
6. Candidates must be mentally and physically capable of fulfilling the objectives of the Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program.

Requirements

Individuals applying to the Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a high school diploma or a certificate of equivalent education recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
2. Complete all prerequisite courses as college credit coursework with a minimum grade of "C" and a cumulative GPA of 2.75. Courses must be completed at an accredited institution, use a traditional letter-grade system and may not be graded as pass/no pass.
3. Complete the following college-level coursework:
    - Anatomy & Physiology I, completed within the last five years *(Minimum 3 semester credits or 4 quarter credits)*
    - Anatomy & Physiology II, completed within the last five years *(Minimum 3 semester credits or 4 quarter credits)*
    - Medical Terminology
    - College-level Algebra or any higher-level mathematics course (e.g. Trigonometry, Calculus, etc.) or math-based Statistics
    - Physics for Allied Sciences (or College/University Physics)
    - Interpersonal Communications (or English equivalent)
4. Maintain current Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers certification *(please see Conditional Admittance section if you do not currently have a BLS certification).*

When an applicant repeats a prerequisite course, the program will consider the highest grade earned for admission and GPA calculations. For example, if a student initially earns an “F” and later earns a “C” in the same course, the program will use the “C” as the official grade for admissions/evaluation purposes.

Transfer Credit as Prerequisites for Admission

The Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program may accept college-level coursework (per the requirements noted above) from accredited institutions to satisfy the prerequisite requirements for admission to the program. Previously earned degrees do not serve as a substitute for any specific prerequisites.

Credit By Examination

The program does not accept credit-by-examination (e.g., Advanced Placement, CLEP, International Baccalaureate) to satisfy the prerequisite requirements for admission to the program.

Transfer Credit for Program Requirements

The Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program does not accept post-secondary credit to satisfy any required courses in the program.

Conditional Admittance

Applicants who have not completed all prerequisite courses by the application deadline but are actively enrolled in them at the time of application (spring semester), may still apply to the program. Applicants must provide documentation confirming enrollment in all prerequisite courses at the time of application.

To remain eligible for the program, applicants must successfully complete all prerequisites by the end of the current semester. Before the first day of the program, applicants must submit an updated official transcript demonstrating:

- Successful completion of all prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or higher
- A minimum GPA of 2.75 in all prerequisite courses
    - Anatomy & Physiology I, to have been completed within the last five years *(Minimum 3 semester credits or 4 quarter credits)*
    - Anatomy & Physiology II, to have been completed within the last five years *(Minimum 3 semester credits or 4 quarter credits)*
    - Medical Terminology

- College-level Algebra or any higher-level mathematics course (e.g. Trigonometry, Calculus, etc.) or math-based Statistics
- Physics for Allied Sciences (or College/University Physics)
- Interpersonal Communications (or English equivalent)

Failure to meet these requirements or to submit an updated transcript by the stated deadline will render the applicant ineligible to begin the program.

Acceptance into the program will be contingent upon successful completion of all current prerequisites and submission of updated documentation as outlined above.

Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification is required for enrollment into the program but will not be asked for at the time of application. Once officially accepted into the program, you will be prompted to upload your certificate to the Campus Cafe applicant portal prior to the start of the program. Training from the following provider(s) is accepted:

- **American Heart Association (AHA)** Basic Life Support
- **CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer** from the American Red Cross

Failure to complete and submit valid certification before the first day of the program will render the applicant ineligible to begin the program.

If you have questions, please contact the Registrar at SOHPRegistrar@ccf.org for clarification.

Selection Process

When all the items listed above have been submitted, the applicant's academic qualifications are evaluated. Applicants are evaluated using a point-based system that considers the applicants academic qualifications and interview performance. Applicants meeting the minimum criteria may be contacted to make an appointment for an interview. Please note that meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee an interview.

Admissions interviews are conducted in-person at the Cleveland Clinic Administrative Campus, in Beachwood, Ohio. A candidate may request a virtual interview based on geographic distance or as reasonable accommodation for a disability. It is the responsibility of the applicant to see that the deadline for submitting applications and all additional application materials is met.

Item	Maximum Points Possible
High school GPA/GED scores/HiSET scores	20
High school science & math classes with a “C” grade or better	8
College science & math classes with a “C” grade or better	24
College prerequisite GPA	20
Interview	33

After program interviews are completed, acceptable applicants will be ranked and selected in order of their total scores.

The program enrolls up to 10 students each year, based on clinical site availability. Admission decisions are communicated by email approximately one month following completion of the interview process.

Admission Documents and Requirements

An applicant is required to complete the following items after submitting their initial application in Campus Cafe in order for their application to be considered. Please note that documents marked with an asterisk (*) are **not** considered during the evaluation of applications and will **not** affect an applicant’s eligibility or admission decision. They are required, however, for administrative purposes. To begin, please select ‘Fall 2027’ in the ‘Anticipated Starting Semester’ field of the application.

1. Submit your non-refundable $20.00 application fee payment in Momentus and upload a copy of your payment confirmation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.*
2. Upload your current American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support or American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer certification to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.**
3. Complete a prerequisite course completion form and upload the completed form to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe (Prerequisite course completion form found on the Admissions webpage).

4. If the applicant's native language is not English, official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the Duolingo English Test (DET) are required. Applicants must meet one of the following minimum score requirements:

    1. **TOEFL (Original Scoring):**
    Minimum overall score of 75, with writing and speaking scores of at least 17 each, or

    2. **TOEFL (New Scoring):**
    Minimum overall score of 3.5, with a writing score of at least 4 and a speaking score of at least 3, or

    3. **Duolingo English Test (DET):**
    Minimum overall score of 105

    - If applicable, complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or Duolingo English Test (DET) and upload a copy of your results to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
    - The English Proficiency exam cannot be waived based on prior learning or work experience. This policy ensures that all students meet the same standardized language requirements, which supports academic success and helps maintain fairness and consistency in the admissions process.

5. Request official academic transcripts. You are required to submit official transcripts from every school you have attended. High school transcript, GED transcript, or HiSET transcript is also required. Once received, the transcripts will be uploaded to your applicant portal by program administration.
    - Domestic transcripts can be submitted through one of two methods:
        1. Electronic (preferred): request delivery to BeachwoodDMSProgram@ccf.org
        2. Mail (all transcripts must be sent/received in a sealed envelope):
        Cleveland Clinic
        Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program
        Attention: Angela Perry
        3275 Science Park Drive
        Beachwood, OH 44122
    - International transcripts must be evaluated by World Education Services (WES) on a course-by-course basis. Evaluations are a required

component since they determine how your academics are graded compared to the U.S. education system. Be sure to follow the steps below to secure your credential evaluation:

1. Applicants can create a WES account by visiting: https://applications.wes.org/createaccount/login/login
2. Select the course-by-course evaluation option to ensure that your evaluation meets our requirements for admission review.
3. To ensure that Cleveland Clinic receives an official copy of your evaluation, select ”Cleveland Clinic” from the drop-down on the “Select Recipient” page.

**The BLS certification is an admissions document that is required to be completed prior to the beginning of the program. Please see the “Conditional Admittance” section for more information.

Additionally, applicants should be aware of the following:

1. Applicants may be considered who meet most of the requirements if there is evidence that they will meet the requirements prior to the beginning of the program.
2. Applicants meeting the minimum criteria may be contacted to make an appointment for a behavior-based interview. Please note that meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee an interview. Behavior-based interviews will be scheduled in February/March for applicants who have met the previous qualifications. The purpose of the behavior-based interview is to assess communication and critical thinking skills.
3. Applicants must provide a current email address with their application. This is needed to contact you for clinical observation and for access to the program learning management system. No application will be processed without a valid and current email address.
4. Applicants must complete the college credit course prerequisites. The program does not offer placement tests for the prerequisite courses.
5. Applicants accepted into the program must submit a $300 non-refundable tuition deposit which is applied to the first semester tuition.

Enrollment Documents and Requirements

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If an applicant is accepted into the program the following items are required in order to enroll in the program. Please review the health requirements before submitting your documentation.

1. Complete and sign an Enrollment Agreement in Campus Cafe via DocuSign.
2. Upload your negative tuberculosis (TB) test documentation to your applicant portal in Campus Café. The TB test must be completed within 12 months prior to the start of the program.
3. Upload your immunization documentation for chicken pox (varicella) or positive titer to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
4. Upload your immunization documentation for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
5. Upload your positive hepatitis B vaccination/titer or completed waiver to your applicant portal in Campus Café (Hepatitis B vaccination/titer waiver found on the Admissions webpage).
6. Upload your tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) booster documentation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe. The booster is required within the past 10 years.
7. Influenza immunization documentation is required during flu season (November 1 through March 31). The applicant is required to upload documentation to the applicant portal in Campus Cafe if completing their application during flu season or will be required to obtain and submit documentation when the vaccination becomes available.
8. Complete the required onboarding tasks in SilkRoad. Onboarding will include a background check. Additional information will be provided following completion of the above items.

If accepted contingent upon successful completion of prerequisite coursework, submit your official transcript showing completion of all prerequisites once they are available after the completion of spring semester. See “Conditional Admittance” section for more information.