



Merced College
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program
Application Instructions for Fall 2026 Admission

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Application must be submitted online during an application window. *Make sure to give yourself enough time to read through the instructions so that you are able to submit a complete application within the application window.*

Visit [How to Apply](#) on the DMS Program homepage for more information, including deadlines.

Follow the instructions below to ensure completion of your Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program application:

1. Apply for Merced College Admissions

Follow the [5 easy steps to apply](#) at Merced College in order to obtain a student ID and email.

Apply to Merced College the same semester that you apply to the program in order to maintain an active school email address.

2. Entrance Requirement

Bachelor's Degree in any subject (or higher education completed)

OR

Associate of Science Professional degree in either Radiologic Technology **or** Registered Nursing **or** Nuclear Medicine **or** Respiratory Therapy **or** Paramedic Medicine. You must be licensed at the time of application.

3. Prerequisites

Before applying, complete the entrance requirement & program's prerequisites.

All prerequisites must be completed and grades must be demonstrated on transcripts prior to applying. All prerequisites must be completed with a "C" or higher and grades demonstrated on transcripts prior to applying. Combined GPA on prerequisites must be a 2.35 or higher. See [how to calculate your GPA](#).

- ALLH-67 Medical Terminology
- BIOL-16 General Human Anatomy
- BIOL-18 Principles of Physiology
- ENGL-C1000 – Academic Reading & Writing **or** ENGL-1A - College Composition & Reading **or** COMM-C1000 – Intro to Public Speaking **or** COMM-1 – Fundamentals of Speech
- MATH-26 **or** MATH-25 **or** MATH-15 **or** STAT-C1000 **or** MATH-10
- PHYS-10 Concepts in Physics **or** *RADT-13 Radiologic Sciences I

*This course is ONLY offered to accepted students in the Merced College Diagnostic Radiologic Technology Program

NOTE: 300 patient care skills hours are **no** longer required.



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4. Transcripts

All applicants are required to upload transcript(s) with their application.

Transcripts must include all work shown as completed on the application. All prerequisites must be completed with a “C” or higher and grades demonstrated on transcripts prior to applying. An application that is not completely filled out and/or does not have all transcripts submitted by the application deadline will be considered incomplete.

If prerequisites/coursework was completed at school(s) other than Merced College, **official** transcript(s) must be sent to both Merced College Admissions & Records for evaluation AND **official** transcript(s) must be submitted with the application to the SONO Program. When submitting official transcripts, please review the [Transcripts & Enrollment Verification](#) webpage for important dates and timelines.

If prerequisites/coursework was completed at Merced College, an unofficial transcript must be submitted with the application to the SONO Program. Students can login to their [Merced College Self-Service](#) account to download a PDF of an unofficial transcript.

5. Course Equivalency

View the Grid of Comparable Prerequisites Courses. If your course(s) need to be verified for equivalency, it is your responsibility to meet with a counselor before the application window.

Fill out the [Equivalency Verification Form](#) for the course(s) you need verified for equivalency.

6. Apply to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program

PLEASE READ the program information and application instructions carefully. These links will be found on the website.

- SONO Program Information for Prospective Students
- SONO Program Application Instructions
- Sample Application

7. Selection Process

There is no waitlist. Qualified applicants will be selected by lottery.

8. What to Expect After Applying

Make sure you take a photo or screenshot of the notification message for your reference and personal records. You will be prompted to download the completed application. Save that for your personal records. After the application window closes, a committee reviews all the applications. The review process ensures that applications are complete and accurate and meet the Program’s standard admission requirements.



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After this internal review, you will receive notification to the email addresses you provided on your application regarding your status, i.e., “accepted, alternate, not accepted or disqualified.”

ACCEPTANCE

Your acceptance will be emailed to you and will outline all details. Further information regarding class and clinical schedules will be provided at the MANDATORY orientation. Failure to provide required documentation by deadlines may cancel admission to the program.

Travel to clinical facilities outside Merced is required. Students must complete all programmatically assigned clinical rotations; some include evening and/or weekend hours.