



# TJC

Diagnostic Medical Sonography  
Diagnostic Echocardiography

## FAQs for DMS/DE Programs

### When are applications accepted?

- Applications open in the beginning of the spring semester and close mid-April each year. New student orientation is in July and begin classes each August.

### How do I apply?

- Please see our website [www.tjc.edu/dms](http://www.tjc.edu/dms) or [www.tjc.edu/de](http://www.tjc.edu/de) and go to the admissions tab

### What is selective admission?

- The DMS/DE programs have a limited number of seats for students. As a part of the selective admissions process, students must complete specific requirements and apply to be considered for placement. Applicants are ranked on an objective, point-based system with the 40 top applicants being selected for interviews.
- There are 14 available seats in DMS and 8 available seats in DE and they will be selected from the top 40 interviewees.

### Can I apply if I am still completing prerequisites?

- Yes! Prerequisite courses must be complete by end of the spring semester and any acceptance would be contingent on completion of the courses. A letter of good standing and current grade average in the prerequisite course may be submitted in this case, but an official transcript will be required prior to new student orientation.

### Are there online classes?

- Ultrasound requires hands-on training. We do not offer online only courses.

### Can I work while in the program?

- Yes, however, it may be difficult. The program schedule will not be arranged around a work schedule. All courses/clinical rotations are in-person during daytime hours, no online, evening, night, or weekend courses/clinical rotations are offered.

### Do I need health insurance to be in the program?

- Yes, students are required to have individual health insurance to be in the program. This is a requirement of all clinical affiliation agreements.

### How expensive is the program?

- Approximate costs estimated with additional costs such as books, scrubs, supplies, etc.
  - In-District- \$10,487
  - Out-of-District- \$14,330
  - Non-resident- \$15,855



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### What is the salary for a sonographer?

- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2022), median pay is \$78,210 per year or \$37.60 per hour for Diagnostic Medical Sonographers and Cardiovascular Technologists
- The job outlook is expected to increase 10% (faster than average) over the next decade

### What vaccinations are required for this program?

- Hepatitis B (proof of immunization AND a positive titer)
- Varicella (two shots OR a positive titer)
- MMR (two shots OR a positive titer)
- Tdap after the age of 18, childhood immunization is not acceptable
- Flu
- TB screen required yearly
- Meningitis
- Covid-19 vaccination if mandated by clinical site- this is not a requirement of the program, but clinical affiliations
- Please see Immunizations tab for more detailed information

### Do I need official copies of transcripts?

- Yes, official copies of transcripts are required from all institutions attended. Please see application.

### What if I have a criminal record?

- Contact [compliance@inteleos.org](mailto:compliance@inteleos.org) prior to applying. They will review records and notify if eligible to take the registry exam.

### How and when will I be notified of acceptance?

- Students will be notified in May if they have been selected for interviews.
- All students will receive either an acceptance or denial email by mid June. The notification will be sent to the email the student uses on the application.

### How many applications do you receive?

- This varies by year, but 75-150

### What do I wear to the interview?

- Business professional

### Do I have to apply to both programs separately?

- No, there is a section in the application where you may specify one (1) or two (2) next to program selection. One (1) being the program you would choose first.