



Frequently Asked Questions

What if I still don't understand the program after reviewing the Program Overview?

If you still have questions, you can register for a live Q&A session.

- Q&A sessions are offered monthly
- Participation is optional
- Sessions cover common questions about the program and application process

👉 Register at [Q&A Session](#)

What is sonography/ultrasound?

Sonography (ultrasound) uses sound waves to create images inside the body. These images help healthcare providers diagnose and monitor medical conditions.

Where do sonographers work?

Sonographers typically work in hospitals, outpatient imaging centers, and doctors' offices.

How much do sonographers earn?

The median annual salary for sonographers is about \$89,000 with a job outlook of 13% (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Is the DMS program accredited?

Yes. The program is accredited by CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs).

Why does accreditation matter?

Graduating from an accredited program meets national standards and is often required or preferred by employers.

How long is the program and when does it start?

The program is 14 months long and begins each June.

When can I apply?

The application opens in the fall and has a set deadline each year.

👉 See the DMS application page for exact dates.

How many students are accepted each year?

Up to 25 students are accepted each year.

What concentrations are offered?

- General Sonography (abdomen and OB/GYN)
 - Vascular Sonography
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Can I take both concentrations at the same time?

No. You may complete them one at a time.

Is the program online?

Lecture courses are online. Clinical rotations are completed in person at an approved site near you.

What is the difference between the AAS degree and certificate?

- First-time students earn the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree
 - If you return later for a second concentration, you will earn a certificate
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What are the prerequisites?

To apply, you must have:

- An Associate or Bachelor's degree
 - Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
 - All prerequisite courses completed with a "C" or better:
 - College Algebra
 - English Composition or Public Speaking
 - Anatomy & Physiology (within the last 5 years)
 - Medical Terminology
 - Physics
 - Hands-on patient care experience
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What types of patient care experience are accepted?

You must also have at least 6 months of hands-on patient care experience within the past 2 years.

Accepted examples include:

- Radiography, Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, CNA, PCT, EMT, Paramedic, Imaging Assistant

Not accepted:

- Dental Assistant, Pharmacy Tech, Phlebotomy Tech, Optometry Tech, Veterinary Tech

👉 If your experience is not listed, email a description to: dmsprogram@student.labette.edu

How do transfer credits affect eligibility?

You must still meet all program requirements. Additional coursework may be required if previous credits do not meet LCC requirements.

How many clinical hours are required?

- Fall & Spring: 24 hours per week
- Summer: 32 hours per week

Schedules may vary depending on the clinical site.

How do I find a clinical site?

You must complete an observation at a potential clinical site.

- If the site is willing to accept you, LCC will begin the approval process
- If not, you must observe at another site

⚠️ Clinical placement is limited and not guaranteed

Do I need to move to Parsons, KS?

No. Clinicals are completed at an approved site near your location.

What is the cost of the program?

The total cost ranges from \$14,000 to \$20,000 depending on residency and concentration.

Is financial aid available?

Yes. Financial aid and scholarships may be available depending on eligibility.