

**Lawson State Community College  
Department of Health Professions**

**Diagnostic Medical Sonography  
Cardiac Focus**

- Please use the information listed here as your reference for preparing to apply to our program in the future. The application process is competitive and the number of students is limited. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance.
- The DMS program is a Cardiac focused and prepares students to sit for the RCS registry upon graduation. The program is accredited through SACSCOC and CAAHEP accreditation is pending. The program, once accepted, consists of 5 consecutive semesters with a total cost of approximately \$15,000 (Pell Eligible and WIOA approved).

- Applicants will be required to have all academic prerequisites with a combined GPA of 2.5 or higher and an ACT score of 18 or higher by the application deadline. Use the table to calculate your GPA. \*Higher GPAs can enhance applications.

- The prerequisite course work that MUST be completed by the deadline is listed below:

- ENG101 English Composition
- MTH100 or Higher level
- BIO201 Anatomy & Physiology I\*
- ORI101 or ORI101T Orientation to College
- SPH107 Fundamentals of Speech
- PHY 112 Principles of Physics\*\*
- PSY200 Psychology
- BIO120 Medical Terminology
- Humanities elective – Choose from Art, Music Humanities, Philosophy, Religious studies, Dance or Theater.

\*The BIO 201 required prerequisite is BIO 103 Principles of Biology

\*\*The PHY112 required prerequisite is MTH100

GPA Calculation			
Course	Grade	Credit Hours	Quality Points
ENG101		3	
MTH100		3	
BIO201		4	
ORI101		1	
SPH107		3	
PHY112		2	
PSY200		3	
BIO120		3	
Humanities		3	
<b>Total</b>		<b>25</b>	
(total quality pts)    ____ ÷ 25 = ____ (gpa)			
Quality Points for 1 credit course: A=4, B=3, C=2 Quality Points for 2 credit course: A=8, B=6, C=4 Quality Points for 3 credit course: A=12, B=9, C=6 Quality Points for 4 credit course: A=16, B=12, C=8			

- Students that are admitted to the program are required to comply with specific immunization requirements, meet Essential Functions required for Health Professions Students, provide verification of health insurance, obtain and maintain CPR certification and submit to background and drug screenings. These requirements are out-of-pocket expenses for the students.
  - Background/drug screenings and document tracking: \$110
  - CPR: \$50-100 approximately. Amount depends on provider
  - Health requirements and insurance cost is individually based

- All information is subject to change. Please visit our website often for updates.

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