

Application Planning Guide for Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program (028B)

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Planning Guide for Fall 2025 start:

Admission to the DMS program is highly competitive. The program accepts approximately 10 applicants from a pool.

- ✓ **DMS Applications due by Feb. 1, 2025**
- ✓ **Selective Admission for Fall (August) start**
- ✓ **Notification of acceptance into program by April 2025**
- ✓ **No waiting lists carried over from previous years; application required each year**
- ✓ **Graduate of Associates and/or Bachelor's degree in healthcare related field that had direct patient care with a clinical component. Institution must be regionally accredited and recognized by SWIC.**
- ✓ **Diagnostic Medical Sonography students are required to submit to a background check and drug testing. The program also requires various vaccines; to request a medical and/or religious exemption, please contact the program coordinator.**

Please remember that all communication regarding the Diagnostic Medical Sonography application will be sent to your student.swic.edu email account.

Overview of Requirements & Due Dates:

Applicants must submit the following to the Enrollment Services Office by noted deadlines, unless the application period has been extended.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Application due by Feb. 1, 2025

- ❖ Applications are available and must be submitted between Sept. 1, 2024 and Feb. 1, 2025 for entry into the Fall 2025 semester.
- ❖ Application can be found by clicking the Program Applications tile on your Student Center homepage.

Meet with an Academic Advisor to determine placement. Academic Advising assistance is available via email at advising@swic.edu or call, Belleville Campus 618-235-2700, ext. 5455, Red Bud Campus 618-282-6682, ext. 8114, or Sam Wolf Granite City campus 618-931-0600, ext. 7333.

Transcripts documenting successful completion of Graduate of Associates and/or Bachelor's degree in healthcare related field that had direct patient care with a clinical component due by June 1, 2025.

- ❖ See Section C for list of accepted Associates degrees.
- ❖ College course grades supersede high school grade when both appear on official transcripts.
- ❖ Most recent grades of specified degrees/courses are used to determine qualification and rank.
- ❖ Students completing a prerequisite course from a high school not recognized by the State Board of Education or home-schooled may demonstrate competency of the Biology, Algebra, Chemistry or Physics course by taking a placement test. Questions regarding placement testing can be addressed by contacting the Enrollment Services Office at 618-235-2700, ext. 5455.

✓ **Transcripts for all colleges, universities, or approved/accredited healthcare program attended due by June 1, 2025.**

- ❖ To have college transcripts reviewed for possible transfer credit, log into [eSTORM](#) and select the Transfer Credit Evaluation link found in dropdown under Academics in your Student Center.

Section A & B– Completion of Awarded College Degree

It is MANDATORY to have completed all degree requirements and have transcripts submitted to college by Feb. 1, 2025.

How POINTS are assigned for prerequisite degrees in Section B:

1. Record the most recent successfully completed Associates in Applied Science (A. AS) or Bachelor's degree information. A minimum grade of "C" is required. Course grades must be on the transcript by Feb. 1, 2025 deadline.

Cumulative GPA 4.0 system (Section A)		Then your points for BIOL (section A)		
≥ 4.0		A		4.0
$\geq 3.5 < 4.0$				3.5
$\geq 3.0 < 3.5$		B		3.0
$\geq 2.5 < 3.0$				2.5
$\geq 2.0 < 2.5$		C		2.0

Total Points Section A (GPA): _____ /4 pt. max

Total Points Section B (BIOL): _____ /4 pt. max

- Refer to <http://www.back2college.com/gpa.htm> to use a GPA calculator to assist.

Suggestions for increasing points earned in Prerequisites Section:

- Degree must be conferred by application deadline.
- The higher the GPA earned in the awarded degree, the more points are generated on the application.
- Students have the potential to earn the greatest amount of points from this section of the application.

Section C

Points possible	Degree Received	Select One:
Source of Points to be awarded for attainment of: Previous Degree (Including but not limited to: Radiologic Technology, Physical Therapy Assistant, Respiratory Care, Nursing, etc)	4	SWIC Associates Degree in a healthcare related field that had direct patient care with a clinical component. <input type="checkbox"/>
	3	Other Institution Associates Degree Radiologic Technology <input type="checkbox"/>
	2	Other Institution Associates/Bachelors Degree in healthcare that had direct patient care with a clinical component. <input type="checkbox"/>

Total Points Section C: _____ /4 pt. max

Section D - Final Ranking Score: (Total of Sections A+B + C)

_____ /12 pts. max **(NOT AN APPLICATION)**

Selection of qualified applicants will be based on a numerical ranking procedure.

Meeting application deadlines is critical to being successful in this process. Read all correspondence from the Enrollment Services Office – they will send notification if something is missing from your file. Please remember that **all communication regarding the DMS application will be sent to your student.swic.edu email account.**

Reminder of deadlines & required supporting documentation:

By Feb. 1, 2025

- Application on file for Fall 2025 admission.

By Feb. 1, 2025:

- College transcripts and Transfer Evaluation Request Form.
- Copy of active healthcare practice license, as applicable
- Proof of Residency
 - Out-of-District Students must provide Inter-district Cooperative/Career Agreement paperwork for “in district” status in this application process

For suggestions on how to improve your chance of being accepted:

- ❖ **Complete the DMS Application Planning Guide**
- ❖ **See Academic Advisor for complete degree acceptance list**
- ❖ **Call for assistance with completing the application/guide, 618-235-2700, ext.5455.**

