

## DMS PROGRAM VALIDATION CRITERIA

The following are required to validate for the DMS program. Once a student validates, their name is placed on the waitlist for program entrance. Students may be completing the last of the prerequisite courses in the semester in which they apply to validate as long as the rest of the validation criteria is completed by the last day of the semester. Please submit the DMS validation application and documenting materials to Kim Boldt by the last day of the semester. Email is preferred ([kboldt@delta.edu](mailto:kboldt@delta.edu)), but materials can also be dropped off on campus, F-224. Please email Kim Boldt if you have dropped materials off in the last week of the semester.

- Prerequisite courses: all must be completed with a “B” grade or better.
- Students may have no more than a total of two (2) repeats in the prerequisite courses for DMS validation (not per course, but two repeats total. (Exp. A student who repeated MTH 122, and PHY 101 is eligible for validation. A student who repeated MTH 122 twice and PHY 101 once is not eligible for validation).
- BIO 140 and HSC 105 must have been completed within the past five (5) years.

### Checklist:

\_\_\_\_\_ Read all instructions on this form carefully. **Incomplete validation packets will not be processed.** Include the validation checklist when you submit your validation materials.

\_\_\_\_\_ Submission of DMS validation application form (online or contact Coordinator)

\_\_\_\_\_ 8 hours of observation – DO NOT LEAVE UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. It may take a while to get in for observation hours. - **Currently McLaren hospitals are accepting students for observation. Contact the sonography department to set that up. MyMichigan Midland is also accepting students for observation. Go to [www.mymichigan.org](http://www.mymichigan.org), then click on “careers” in the upper right corner and search for “student job shadow.” Fill out the form and someone will contact you to set up a observation time. We are unsure of Ascension at this time since they just became a part of MyMichigan, but students could call the ultrasound department and ask if they can observe for DMS program entrance.** Observation hours from any other hospital institution will be accepted. Observation hours must be completed in a hospital setting and the entire form must be submitted.

\_\_\_\_\_ Two professional letters of reference

\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting with program coordinator. This can be by Zoom or in person and will take approximately 15 minutes. Please contact Kim Boldt ([kboldt@delta.edu](mailto:kboldt@delta.edu)) to set up an appointment. Submit the last signature page of the pre-validation visit form. **If at all possible, observation hours should be completed before the coordinator visit is set up. Please allow 2-3 weeks for scheduling. Do not wait until the last week of the semester to schedule a coordinator visit.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Completion of BIO 140, HSC 105, MTH 122, PHY 101, ENG 113, COM 114 and ENG 111 or their equivalents with a “B” grade or better.

\_\_\_\_\_ Unofficial transcript from Delta and any other institution from which prerequisite courses have been transferred. Include transcripts even if the last courses are not yet on the transcript.

**Option A:** Students who have completed an accredited Allied Health program (must be approved by the DMS Coordinator) will not be required to complete the prerequisite courses. However, a college level physics course must be completed to validate (Radiography physics can be substituted for general physics).

# Diagnostic Medical Sonography Student Observation Report

Prerequisite for Admittance to the Delta College DMS Program

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Contact an Ultrasound Department and request to schedule 8 (minimum) hours in the department to observe.
2. Before leaving the department, have the contact person sign the verification form below.
3. After completing the observation answer the observation questions and return this form as instructed in the validation checklist.

## Section I:

To be filled out by the attending sonographer or supervisor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section II:

After completing the observation answer the observation questions. It is preferred that your responses are typed.

**NOTE: If you observed on a slow day, or a day that was not average for some reason, it is strongly recommended that you set up another eight hours of observation.**

1. What types of exams did you observe?
2. Explain what being "on call" is like for a sonographer and the frequency a sonographer might be on call:
3. What does the sonographer like most about their profession?
4. What does the sonographer like least about their profession?

5. What tips did the sonographer have for succeeding in a sonography program?
  
6. What did you learn about the sonography field that you did not know before your observation?
  
7. What is the employment outlook in sonography locally?
  
8. What are the opportunities for advancement in the field of sonography?
  
9. Based on what you know about the field of sonography, what do you think will be both the advantages and disadvantages of this career for you?
  
  
10. Although you may not have observed this in one eight-hour day, sonographers do work with body fluids and blood in a limited capacity. How do you feel about working with blood and/or body fluids?
  
11. Based on your observation, is sonography a career that is right for you? Why or why not?

**If you have questions about the field of sonography that were not answered during your observation, please contact Kim Boldt at [kboldt@delta.edu](mailto:kboldt@delta.edu).**

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### STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

**STUDENTS ARE NOT TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES AS CURRENT STUDENTS OF THE DELTA DMS PROGRAM. IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT THIS OBSERVATION IS BEING ARRANGED AS A PREREQUISITE TO ENTER THE DMS PROGRAM.**

1. Make arrangements for observation at a local hospital.

2. Confirm your visit with the supervisor at least two days in advance.
3. DRESS APPROPRIATELY
  - -ask your "contact person" what would be appropriate for their clinical area
  - -wear comfortable shoes as you will be on your feet most of the day
  - -DO NOT WEAR jeans, T-shirts, sweatshirts, halter tops, shorts, miniskirts, sandals, or go without socks.
4. ARRIVE PROMPTLY.
5. Introduce yourself and state your reason for being there. Request to see the "contact person" through whom arrangements were made.
6. Notify the "contact person" if you will be late or unable to attend at your scheduled time.  
**Note:** *Departments make special arrangements for a student observer so please be courteous and do not reschedule unless absolutely necessary.*
7. Remember that PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR is required as you will be in contact with patients and representing the Imaging Department for the time you are there.
8. If the above criteria are not followed, the observation site is under no obligation to sign the observation report.

# Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Student Application

*Form must be submitted with student application packet.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Delta College Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Previous degree(s) earned if applicable:

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