

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY, BS

Health care professions separate from nursing, medicine, and pharmacy provide a range of diagnostic, technical, therapeutic and direct patient care and support services that are critical to other health professionals they work with and the patients they serve.

The overall employment outlook for individuals with professional certifications varies, but is projected to be good to excellent by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The BS degrees include Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Histotechnology, Medical Technology, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy Technology, and Radiography. These areas involve completing required course work at Roosevelt University, followed by clinical training at the appropriate affiliate clinical site. A separate application to the clinical training program is required, and acceptance is not guaranteed. Roosevelt University offers five programs with clinical training at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago (Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Histotechnology, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy Technology, and Radiography) and one program with clinical training at NorthShore Health Systems, Evanston (Medical Technology).

Requirements

Courses taken for the major must be taken on a letter grade basis. A grade of C- is the minimal acceptable grade for a course to be applied to the major, or to be acceptable as a prerequisite for subsequent courses. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for all courses in the major. However, it is important to note that the clinical affiliates have their own GPA requirements and may not accept grades of C- for certain required prerequisite courses.

Each of the areas of study has its own prerequisite courses and requirements. These programs require students to complete all required course work before applying to the clinical affiliate. Students are not guaranteed admission into the clinical training portion of the degree. Students must make certain they are fully aware of each area's specific acceptance requirements. Students interested in these health care careers should seek early guidance from the health coordinator in the Department of Biological, Chemical and Physical Sciences.

Standards

- AP biology credit with a score of 3.0 or higher may apply toward the major in biology or the general education requirements after consultation with an advisor.
- AP chemistry with a score of 4 or higher satisfies the requirements for CHEM 201 GENERAL CHEMISTRY I with lab.
- AP Physics I (2014 or later) with a score of 3.0 satisfies the requirement for PHYS 201 INTRODUCTION TO NON-CALCULUS BASED PHYSICS I with lab.
- AP Physics II (2014 or later) with a score of 3.0 satisfies the requirement for PHYS 202 INTRO TO NON-CALCULUS PHYSICS II with lab.
- AP Physics C: Mechanics with a score of 3.0 satisfies the requirement for PHYS 201 INTRODUCTION TO NON-CALCULUS BASED PHYSICS I with lab and PHYS 233 CALCULUS-BASED PHYSICS I DISCUSSION.

- AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism with a score of 3.0 satisfies the requirement for PHYS 202 INTRO TO NON-CALCULUS PHYSICS II with lab and PHYS 234 CALCULUS-BASED PHYSICS II DISCUSSION.

In addition, students must:

- Take a minimum of their last 30 credit hours at Roosevelt University; off-site clinical courses count toward this requirement.
- Take at least 20 credit hours in acceptable Biology, Chemistry, or Physics courses at Roosevelt University; not more than 15 credit hours of acceptable Biology courses may be transferred to Roosevelt University and applied toward the BS degrees.
- Once enrolled in the program, complete all remaining Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics course requirements for these BS degrees at Roosevelt University. Under special circumstances, written permission to take required courses elsewhere may be granted by the health coordinator.
- Apply only courses in biology taken within the past eight years toward graduation.
- Limit to 4 credit hours the total of independent study hours (BIOL 395 INDEPENDENT STUDY/BCHM 395 INDEPENDENT STUDY/CHEM 395 INDEPENDENT STUDY/PHYS 395 INDEPENDENT STUDY) and independent research (BIOL 392 RESEARCH IN BIOLOGY/BCHM 392 RESEARCH IN BIOCHEMISTRY/CHEM 392 RESEARCH IN CHEMISTRY/PHYS 392 RESEARCH IN PHYSICS) used to fulfill the requirements of the major.

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography curriculum is designed to provide the student with a comprehensive body of knowledge and the necessary skills expected of a competent diagnostic medical sonographer technician, also known as an ultrasound technologist. Diagnostic medical sonographers use high-frequency sound waves (ultrasound) to produce dynamic visual images of organs, tissues and blood flow inside the body. Sonographers work closely with physicians by providing diagnostic images and a summary of technical findings to aid in reaching a medical diagnosis. This is a non-radiation modality, and it may be used on any patient, from unborn babies to the elderly.

Sonographers may work in a hospital, a clinic, a physician's office, education, sales, or as an applications specialist. Students interested in allied health careers should seek early guidance from an advisor in the Department of Biological, Chemical, and Physical Sciences. This is a 3+1.5 program in which the first three years of course work is completed at Roosevelt University with the final year and a half completed at the clinical affiliate site, Northwestern Memorial Hospital Chicago.

Admission

Admission to clinical training is at the discretion of the clinical affiliate, Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Students are not guaranteed admission. The minimum GPA for application for this program is a 2.5 GPA overall and a 2.5 GPA in the prerequisite courses. Students in clinical training are registered through Roosevelt University and pay Roosevelt University tuition. There is no additional tuition charge for the clinical portion of the program.

Prerequisites

Clinical courses are subject to satisfactory completion of pre-clinical course work and admission to a clinical program.

Requirements

Diagnostic Medical Sonography students complete a minimum of 73 credit hours of academic work, including the University Writing Requirement and the College of Arts and Sciences general education requirements, in addition to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography requirements outlined below. Students must take their final 30 credit hours before clinical training at Roosevelt University. They complete their last 49 credit hours in an 18-month, full-time, daytime clinical training program at Northwestern Memorial Hospital*.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded a certificate of program completion for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) from the hospital and will be eligible to be certified through examination by the national certifying agency, the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Graduates of the school may also take the Sonography Principles and Instrumentation, Abdomen and OB/GYN examinations. Students will also earn a BS in Diagnostic Medical Sonography from Roosevelt University.

* Acceptance into the clinical training is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of the clinical site.

Core

ALH 119	INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	2
BIOL 123	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I (with lab)	4
BIOL 124	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II (with lab)	4
BIOL 202	ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, AND GENETICS (with lab)	5
BIOL 301	CELLULAR & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (with lab)	5
CHEM 201	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (with lab)	5
CHEM 202	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (with lab)	5
CHEM 211	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I (with lab)	5
MATH 121	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	3
MATH 122	TRIGONOMETRY AND PRECALCULUS	3
MATH 217	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	3
PHYS 201	INTRODUCTION TO NON-CALCULUS BASED PHYSICS I (with lab)	4

Clinical Courses for Diagnostic Medical Sonography

ALH 280	FUNDAMENTALS OF SONOGRAPHY	3
ALH 281	MANAGEMENT & METHODS OF PATIENT CARE	1
ALH 282	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY	2
ALH 283	SECTIONAL ANATOMY FOR THE SONOGRAPHER	2
ALH 284	ABDOMEN SONOGRAPHY WITH LAB	4
ALH 285	OB-GYN SONOGRAPHY WITH EMBRYOLOGY	3
ALH 286	CLINICAL EDUCATION I: SONOGRAPHY	2
ALH 305	ULTRASOUND IMAGE CRITIQUE	2
ALH 306	SPECIALITY SONOGRAPHY	2
ALH 307	PRINCIPLES OF ULTRASOUND PHYSICS I	3
ALH 308	PRINCIPLES OF ULTRASOUND PHYSICS II	3

ALH 309	OBSTETRICAL/GYNECOLOGICAL PATHOLOGY	4
ALH 310	CLINICAL EDUCATION II	3
ALH 311	ABDOMINAL PATHOLOGY	3
ALH 326	CLINICAL EDUCATION II	3
ALH 329	MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION	1
ALH 331	INTRODUCTION TO PEDIATRICS AND VASCULAR IMAGING	1
ALH 332	CLINICAL EDUCATION IV WITH SPECIALTIES	4
ALH 343	REGISTRY REVIEW	2
General Education, University Writing Requirement, and Electives		36
Core requirements		45
Clinical requirements		49
Total Credits for Degree		127-130

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Academic Communities of Practice		
ACP 101	FIRST YEAR SEMINAR ¹	3
ACP 110	PRIMARY TEXTS	3
ACP 250	FOUNDATIONS FOR CHANGE	3
English Composition ²		
ENG 101	COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING	3
ENG 102	COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH	3
Humanities		
Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Art History, English (excluding ENG 101 and ENG 102), History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Speech and Women's and Gender Studies		9
Mathematics		
MATH 110	QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or above) ³	3
Non-Western requirement		
Non-Western course (can be used for Humanities or Social Sciences general education requirements)		3
RU mission-related course ²		
LIBS 201	WRITING SOCIAL JUSTICE	3
Science		
One biological science and one physical science required (at least one must be a four-hour lab (not applicable for science majors))		7-8
Social Sciences		
Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies		9
Total Credit Hours		49-50

¹ Required for students who enter RU with fewer than 12 credit hours

² Minimum grade of C- required

³ Math, Computer Science & Technology, and Science majors have different requirements—see advisor

These quantitative requirements also apply to degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences:

- Students may apply no more than 60 credit hours of 100-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must apply no fewer than 60 credit hours of 200- and 300-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must have at least 18 credit hours (of the 60 credit hours above) at the 300 level.
- Students may transfer in no more than 66 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students must take their final 30 hours at Roosevelt University. Note that some majors have additional requirements for RU hours.
- Students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate. Note that some majors have additional GPA requirements.
- Students must have a minimum of 90 hours in Arts and Sciences.
- Students may apply no more than 51 hours in the major (BA) or 57 hours in the major (BS)

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).

Always work closely with your academic advisor to understand curriculum requirements and scheduling, as each student's academic plan can look slightly different.

Year 1

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
ACP 101	3	ACP 110	3
ENG 101	3	ENG 102	3
CHEM 201	5	CHEM 202	5
MATH 122	3	ALH 119	2
		14	13

Year 2

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
LIBS 201 or ACP 250	3	ACP 250 or LIBS 201	3
CHEM 211	5	BIOL 124	4
BIOL 123	4	SPCH 101 ^(Humanities 2)	3
Humanities #1	3	MATH 217	3
		15	13

Year 3

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
BIOL 202	5	BIOL 301	5
PHYS 201	4	Social Science #2	3
Social Science #1	3	Social Science #3	3
		Humanities #3	3
		12	14

Year 4

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
ALH 280	3	ALH 323	5
ALH 281	1	ALH 324	3
ALH 282	2	ALH 325	3
ALH 283	2	ALH 326	3
ALH 284	4		
ALH 285	3		
ALH 286	2		
		17	14

Professional Year 1 Courses

Fall	Credit Hours	
ALH 328	3	
ALH 329	1-2	
ALH 331	1	
ALH 332	4	
ALH 333	2	
ALH 334	2	
ALH 343	2	
		15-16

Total Credit Hours 127-128

- ¹ Or course towards an optional Minor.
- ² Any course at the 200 level within the discipline.
- ³ Any course at the 300 level within the discipline.
- ⁴ This requirement can be fulfilled by other requirements.
- ⁵ One Natural Science course must have a lab.