

## Qualification Policy for Diagnostic Medical Sonography 2026-2027

Diagnostic Medical Sonography has specific classes, grades, and GPA requirements which a student must meet to apply for the clinical phase of the program. **Demand for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is extremely high. It is not unusual for students to not be offered a seat in the clinical phase for one to two years after completing the qualifying courses.**

- All qualifying Math & Science courses must be met in two attempts. Any transfer courses equivalent to the FSU requirement is counted as an attempt.
- Unsuccessful attempts include not meeting the grade requirement listed below, receiving a “W” (withdrawal), or a grade of “I” (incomplete) not converted to the required grade or higher by the end of the next semester.
- Prerequisite courses are not tied to the grade or attempt requirement. (*Example: MATH 110 prior to MATH 115*)
- Qualified students must apply **each February** (during the 15-day window) to be considered as an applicant for the program. If not accepted to the program, you must apply each year. All qualifying courses, listed below must be completed by the end of the Fall semester prior to applying for the program
- Placement into the clinical portion of the program is based on the following:
  1. Qualification semester (when required courses are completed).
  2. Number of earned Ferris credits
  3. Overall (GPA)**\*\*Students who complete qualifying requirements earlier receive priority for placement.\*\***
- A student’s qualification semester cannot be earlier than when they declared Diagnostic Medical Sonography as their intended major at Ferris State University.
  - *Example 1: Student transfers in all qualifying classes with the last one completed in Spring 2026. Student applies to Ferris State University for Diagnostic Medical Sonography to start in Fall 2026. The qualification date would be Fall 2026.*
  - *Example 2: Student is a Nursing major and changes their major to Diagnostic Medical Sonography in November 2025. The student completed qualifiers in Spring 2026. The qualification date is Spring 2026 for diagnostic medical sonography.*

### **DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY POLICY:**

- The following qualifiers must be met for the student to apply to the program:
  - MATH 115- Intermediate Algebra, must be completed with a B- or higher
  - BIOL 109 - Anatomy & Physiology, must be completed with a B- or higher
  - PHYS 130 – Concepts in Physics, must be completed with a B- or higher
  - COHP 100 – Medical Vocabulary, must be completed with a C or higher
  - ENGL 150 must earn a letter grade of a C- or higher
  - DMS applicants must meet the requirements by the end of Fall semester to be considered qualified for clinical application.

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The clinical application opens only once a year for the upcoming academic year. The application window begins the first Monday in February and remains open for exactly 15 days. To keep your qualification for the semester, you must maintain the required GPA. Please note that we do not maintain a waitlist; if you are not accepted, you must reapply to both FSU and your specific program the following year for future consideration.

Once a student is accepted in the clinical program, they will have a new set of standards set for the clinical classes.

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(Print Name)

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(Student Signature)

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(Date)