

**MT SAN JACINTO COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY PROGRAM
Menifee Valley Campus
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PROGRAM INFORMATION**

PROGRAM MISSION

The mission of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) Program at MSJC is to prepare competent entry-level general sonographers in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.

The DMS program will continually strive to provide students with high quality education and excellent clinical training, under qualified supervision, to prepare the student for future employment as a Diagnostic Medical sonographer.

The DMS program is dedicated to student preparation for the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographer exam to become registered sonographer.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs – 9355 113th St N #7709, Seminole, Florida 33775 - Joint Review Commission for Diagnostic Medical Sonography. This achievement places MSJC's DMS program among the top programs in the United States.

Accreditation increases opportunities for student clinical training, strengthens the student learning process, and opens doors to student employment. Students enrolled in accredited DMS programs are eligible to take the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) board exams up to 60 days prior to graduation, improving employment rates of program graduates.

Following completion of the pre-requisite courses, the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program curriculum covers four regular semesters and requires an eight-week summer session between the first and second years of study. The DMS Program prepares the student to work in an ultrasound department performing abdomen, superficial structural, gynecology, and obstetric ultrasound exams.

Each Fall semester (12) students are accepted into the DMS program. Those applicants who are not accepted must reapply for the following Fall semester.

For more information and a listing of workshops, contact us at (951) 639-5577 or email at nursingandalliedhealth@msjc.edu or visit our website at <https://www.msjc.edu/nursingandalliedhealth/dms/Workshops.html> .

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Note: Meeting admission requirements for the program does not guarantee admission into the DMS Program.

The following must be met prior to the application deadlines.

1. MSJC application on file and eligible to attend MSJC.
 2. High School Diploma, GED or California Proficiency Exam (Associate or Bachelor's Degree is an acceptable substitute).
 3. Submit official transcripts (see Transcript Requirements below).
 4. Attend the virtual Information Workshop **or** View the Presentation on the website, sign and submit attestation with the application.
 5. Meet with a Health and Wellness Pathway Counselor (<https://www.msjc.edu/counseling/appointments.html>) to review required coursework, develop an educational plan, complete a Nursing and Allied Health Program Transcript Evaluation Request form, and submit the form for evaluation during July 1- December 1.
 6. A minimum cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 college scale, and a grade "C" or better in the following admission requirement courses (prerequisites) are required for nursing program admission:
 - ANAT 101 Anatomy & Physiology I 4 units
 - +ANAT 102 Anatomy & Physiology II 4 units
 - AH 105 Medical Terminology 3 units
 - MATH 105 College Algebra or college level MATH 100 or higher 3-4 units
 - COMM 103 Interpersonal Communication or COMM 100 Public Speaking 3 units
 - PHY 100 Conceptual Physics or higher 3 unit
- +These courses require completion of pre-requisites.
7. Students must pass the TEAS VII Test with a 70% or higher. MSJC will not proctor the TEAS test on campus. Please register for the TEAS VII test at www.atitestinq.com. Students are allowed 2 attempts per application period.

ONLINE and ACCELERATED SCIENCES

Effective Spring 2025, The DMS program is not accepting any science courses with online labs. The only exception is for courses completed between Spring 2020 and Fall 2021.

TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS

OFFICIAL electronic transcripts from ALL colleges and/or universities attended must be submitted to Enrollment Services prior to submitting a Nursing Evaluation Request form. Submit official transcripts to officialtranscripts@msjc.edu.

Please Note: Transcripts must be sent directly from Colleges/Universities or Transcript Vendors. Transcripts forwarded by students will be considered unofficial. Students completing all coursework at Mt. San Jacinto College only need to submit the Nursing Evaluation Request Form.

All FOREIGN TRANSCRIPTS including high school documentation, must be formally evaluated by an approved company under Evaluation Services on the NACES website (www.naces.org) and then evaluated by an MSJC Evaluator for course equivalency.

Complete and electronically submit a Nursing and Allied Health Programs Transcript Evaluation Request form to Enrollment Services through the Student Support Hub once all prerequisites are completed or you are in the last semester of prerequisite completion. Deadline to submit the form is July 1st – December 1st

NOTE: Evaluation Request Forms submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and there are no exceptions.

The notice of "eligibility" to apply to the program will be emailed to student and detailed information will be available in student's Self-service Program Notes.

Please Note: Evaluation Requests will expire 12 months after date listed on your Program Notes.

APPLICATION FILING PERIOD

Application filing period is **March 1 – March 15** (confirm actual dates on website)

Applications may be obtained on the DMS website during the application filing periods. Applications must be submitted electronically via the Student Support Hub under Academic Support Services-Nursing & Allied Health.

SELECTION PROCESS

Available enrollment spaces are selected using the DMS criteria point selection by ranking order (highest points). Those applicants who are not selected may reapply during the next application filing period. **MSJC does not maintain a waitlist.**

ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The additional general education courses are not required for admission to the DMS program; rather, they are required for the completion of the Associate in Science Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Most students complete these requirements before entering the DMS program due to the rigorous program course load.

****Please see the college catalog or a Health & Wellness Counselor for the most current information.**

An awarded BA/BS degree from a U.S. Regionally Accredited institution will waive all local General Education requirements (A – H) using Option A at MSJC.

Required DMS Program Courses (a grade of “C” (75%) or better is required in all courses used to fulfill requirements for the Associate Degree in DMS.

<u>First Semester (FALL)</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Second Semester (SPRING)</u>	<u>Units</u>
DMS 100	2	DMS 102	3
DMS 101	3	DMS 504	2
DMS 503	3	DMS 110	2
DMS 525	2	DMS 120	1.5
		DMS 122	3
		DMS 535	2

<u>SUMMER</u>	<u>Units</u>
DMS 514	5

<u>Third Semester (FALL)</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Fourth Semester (SPRING)</u>	<u>Units</u>
DMS 524	10	DMS 538	2
DMS 130	1.5	DMS 534	10
DMS 132	3		
DMS 140	2		

APPROXIMATE PROGRAM EXPENSES

1. Student tuition, ASB card and a parking permit as stated in the current college catalog.
2. Uniforms designated by the Nursing and Allied Health Department - \$70.
3. DMS textbooks and supplies - \$400-\$600.
4. SDMS membership and journal access - \$40 or AIUM student membership - \$2.5
5. CPR course - \$65 (must be American Heart Association/Healthcare provider-BLS).
6. Physical Examination/Laboratory tests - \$300-500.

7. Background Clearance + Drug Screening + Medical Document Manager - \$122-\$322.
8. Transportation cost to and from training sites – varies.
9. Liability Insurance covering students is provided by the college at no cost to the student.
10. Students who are assigned to Desert Regional Medical Center for clinical will have to provide a drug screening within 30 days of placement.
11. Conferences: Edelman Physics Conference (\$300), UCLA Fetal Echo Conference (\$125) and San Diego Perinatal conference (\$25-\$50).
12. After course completion; ARDMS SPI (Sonography Physics and Instrumentation) and 2 specialty exams in Abdomen and OB-GYN - \$250 each.

Students are required to carry their own Professional Liability Insurance, \$1-3 million. Approx. \$35. Students are also required to show proof of Personal Health Insurance, which is required by Clinical Sites.

Proof of these two items must be uploaded onto Castlebranch.com Any student who does not submit this information will not be able to attend clinicals.

When planning expenses, students should be aware they may have to limit their hours of employment due to extensive DMS Program requirements. Scholarships and grants are available to those students who qualify through the [MSJC Financial Aid Office](#) or Foundation.

TECHNCIAL STANDARDS FOR ADA COMPLIANCE

All applicants are required to meet the Technical Standards for ADA Compliance: DMS Program requirements by Domain. If you believe you are unable to meet one or more of these standards without accommodation, you are encouraged to contact the Accommodation Service Cener (ASC) at asc@msjc.edu Requests are assessed individually to determine whether accommodation(s) can be made without compromising patient safety or altering essential program requirements.

Please refer to the College Catalog for further information on the ADA policy.

See the Technical Standards in the Program's Student Handbook.

The Mt. San Jacinto College District Board of Trustees has adopted policies and procedures and has endorsed practices which provide for the District and its employees and students to be in compliance with all the applicable laws relating to prohibition of discrimination on the basis of gender, age, race, color, national origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

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DMS Criteria for Program Selection

Applicants with the highest ranking based on criteria 1-5 will receive provisional acceptance. Admission will be offered to the highest-ranking applicants whose documentation supports the information provided in the application.

CRITERIA		MAXIMUM POINTS	POINT DISTRIBUTION
1	Academic degrees, diploma = AA/AS or BA/BS or higher	10 points	Points for this criterion are given for any prior degree or multiple degrees. Score will either be 10 points or 0- multiple degrees do not add points.
2	Licensed Healthcare worker, Certified Healthcare worker, or Employment history must be direct patient care. Volunteer hours do not count.	10 points	Points for this criterion are given for healthcare licensing, certificate or employment documentation of direct patient care. Licenses/Certificates/Employment must have documentation. Scores will be either 10 points or 0 points. *Examples of approved direct patient care including but not limited to: Imaging Technologist (RT): X-ray, MRI, CT, Nuclear Medicine, Mammography, CAN, LVN, RA, MA, HHA, Paramedic, EMT, Respiratory Therapist, Physical Therapist, Dental Hygienist, Phlebotomist, Doula, RKG, IHSS, Esthetician, Optician, Chiropractic Assistant, Massage therapist, etc.
3	Grade Point Average (GPA) from Prerequisite Courses (minimum GPA to apply is 2.5)	40 points	GPA = 3.9-4.00.....40 points GPA = 3.7-3.89.....35 points GPA = 3.5-3.69.....30 points GPA = 3.3-3.49.....25 points GPA = 2.5-3.29.....20 points
4	Completion of all General Education Courses	5 points	Points for this criterion are given for completion of all General Education requirements. (Option A)
5	Approved Diagnostic Assessment Tool = Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS VII) or most current version *Minimum score to apply is 70%* Study materials and test registration on ATI website: www.atitesting.com	35 points	Composite score: - 90-100%.....35 points - 82-89%.....30 points - 74-81%.....25 points - 70-73%.....20 points (The highest score on the TEAS will be accepted, limit of 2 attempts per application period)

100 Points MAX

Two points will be added each prior year for an application that contains *all application requirements. (current year does not add point)

TIPS FOR TEAS SUCCESS

1. Identification

Test-takers are required to bring valid identification such as a driver's license or passport to the testing center on the day of the exam. No one will be admitted to the test if they do not have their ID or if the ID does not meet the following:

- Government-issued
- Current Photograph
- Legal Name
- Examinee's signature
- Permanent Address
 - *Please note a credit card photo, temporary license or student ID do not meet these criteria.*

2. Exam Content

The TEAS content cover various subjects, including reading, math, science, and English/language usage. Candidates should familiarize themselves with the content and format of the exam using study material provided by ATI. For more information about preparing to take the ATI TEAS assessment exam visit

<https://www.atitesting.com/tes-prep>.

3. Time Limit

The test is timed, and candidates usually have a specific amount of time to complete each section. Time limits for each section can vary depending on the version of the TEAS exam.

4. Scoring

The exam is scored based on the number of correct answers, and the scores are used by institutions as part of the admission process. Students must receive a 62% or higher in order to be considered for admission into the MSJC Nursing program.

5. Testing Environment

Candidates are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations of the testing center. This includes following guidelines related to behavior, use of electronic devices and maintaining test security. The proctor will read all the instructions before the exam begins.

6. Special Accommodations

ATI TEAS accommodate candidates with disabilities or special needs. Candidates seeking accommodation must submit a request along with appropriate documentation within a specified timeframe as instructed on the TEAS testing invitation email.