JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CARDIAC AND VASCULAR SONOGRAPHY

ADMISSIONS POLICY
(effective fall 2015)

Applicants are admitted under provision of the admission policies of Johnston Community College and the Associate Degree Sonography Program as specified in the Johnston Community College Catalog. Applicants are selected on the basis of their achievement potential through the use of previous academic records and pre-entrance nomination scores and based on the number of available seats in the program. The Cardiac and Vascular Sonography program is offered during the day, beginning Fall Semester of each year.

Phases I and II must be completed by 12 noon, on March 1, (deadline date) of the admitting year to be considered for admission to the program.

Phase III is completed by the College and only accepted will complete phase IV.

PHASE I: Application and Admission Process

- Submit a completed application to Johnston Community College
- Official transcripts from high school and all colleges sent to the College. Official transcripts must be received in the Admissions Office two weeks prior to March 1st (deadline date).
- Have graduated or will graduate from high school or the equivalent, as recognized by the State of North Carolina, before entering the Cardiac and Vascular Sonography Program.
- Complete the College placement test or met test exemption requirements.
- Place into ENG 111.
- Have attained a minimum grade of “C” or better on the following prerequisites (by March 1st):
  - BIO 163 - Anatomy & Physiology
  - PHY 110 & PHY 110A - Conceptual Physics & Lab or a college level physics
  - COM 231- Public Speaking
  - MAT 152- Statistical Methods I or a college level statistics course
- Be interviewed by an Admissions Counselor after completing the college placement test and or after all official transcripts have been received by the College. The interview must be completed no later than 1 business week prior to the application deadline date.
- Be CNA-I certified by March 1st of the admitting year.

Applicants must have successfully completed a Certified Nurse Aide I Program and be currently listed on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I Registry with no substantiated findings of resident abuse, resident neglect or misappropriation of resident property in a Nursing Facility. The
Certified Nurse Aide I Training Program must include theory, lab, and clinical components. The applicant must provide a copy of the certificate of completion from an approved program. *Challenging the Nurse Aide I examination will not meet this requirement.*

- Applicants with a diploma or degree or currently enrolled in a final semester of a Nursing or an Allied Health Profession * and currently certified or eligible to be certified with direct human patient care in a health care facility within the last 10 years, CNA is not required. Applicants enrolled in the final semester of a Nursing or Allied Health Program must provide a letter from the Program Director verifying enrollment and anticipated graduation date. *Eligible Allied Health Profession: Nursing, Radiography, Respiratory Therapist, Physical Therapist, Sonography and Paramedic.*

- Attend a mandatory program information session on-line at www.johnstoncc.edu OR on campus. *Online sessions are available from Sept 1 of prior year to Feb 15 of the admitting year. See the sonography website for on campus session dates at http://www.johnstoncc.edu/medsoninfosessions.aspx*

*(Applicants must complete all of Phase I to advance to Phase II)*

PHASE II: Program Application and Health Occupations Test

- Submit a program specific application (can only be received by attending/viewing the information session in Phase I) Program specific applications are available beginning September 1 of the prior admitting year. Applications must be submitted to the Admissions Office by 12 noon on March 1st (deadline date) with the following items (in a packet):
  - Program Specific Application
  - Copy of the Counselor interview summary.
  - Copy of ONE of the following:
    - A. CNA program certificate
    - B. Copy of Certification (Nursing or Allied Health profession)
    - C. A letter from the Program Director verifying program enrollment and anticipated date of graduation.
  - Copy of e-mail verification if completed on-line information session

*Incomplete application packets cannot be processed.*

- Complete the Health Occupations Test (TEAS V). The testing fee is $45.00 and subject to change. Applicants are allowed to test once per academic year. The TEAS is a computer-based test and one should allow 3 to 3 ½ hours to complete the test. The TEAS cannot be taken until PHASE I is completed and the program specific application and materials in Phase II have been received in the Admissions Office. The College offers TEAS V and accepts
transfer scores from ATI. TEAS scores are valid for one year. Applicants must achieve a score of exemplary, advanced or proficient on the ATI Academic Preparedness Levels to be considered for admission to the Sonography program. Applicants are strongly encouraged to prepare for the TEAS test. Visit the Academic Skills Center for information on a free TEAS prep course. Additionally, study materials may be purchased in the College Bookstore or on line at www.atitesting.com. Please visit our web-site at www.johnstoncc.edu/teas.aspx for additional information.

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**PHASE III: Ranking and Notification of Admission Status**

- All applicants will be ranked according to the highest to the lowest points. The number of applicants accepted to the program depends upon availability of seats. In the case where two or more applicants have the same number of points, TEAS scores will determine point ranking. Only courses that have been completed, with a grade assigned, by March 1st (deadline date) will be used in the point ranking process. Completion of the TEAS test and coursework does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

- **Additional points will be given on the point ranking for applicants who have completed a medical terminology curriculum course or a high school health occupations course with a grade of "C" or better.**

- Notification will be sent to those who completed the ranking review in **late May**
  - Provisional accepted – see Phase IV
  - Standby list
  - Not accepted at this time

- Applicants not accepted and desiring to be considered for next year must complete the information session, submit the program specific application, and may elect to complete the Health Occupations Test.

**PHASE IV - Acceptance**

- Students accepted to the Associate Degree Sonography Program must:
  - Return acceptance to the Admission Office within five (5) days from the date on the letter.
  - Attend a mandatory program orientation on the designated dates
- Show documentation of physical and emotional health by the student’s primary care provider. (College approved forms will be distributed at orientation.)
- Show evidence of current Healthcare Provider CPR certification
- Submit to criminal background checks and initial and random drug screenings as directed by affiliating clinical agencies. Criminal background checks and drug screenings must be completed through the College’s designated service provider. The student will incur the cost of the criminal background checks and drug screenings. Clinical agencies may require criminal background checks and drug screening every 6 months while enrolled in the program.

*Information obtained from the criminal background checks and drug screenings could jeopardize the student’s ability to participate in clinical experiences and would result in the inability of the student to complete the program.

*The application for the professional certification examination(s) contains questions as to whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor/felony excluding minor traffic violations. If the answer is “yes” the applicant is asked to provide an explanation. This question is asked because of the legal requirements for becoming certified as a diagnostic registered medical sonographer.

*The College reserves the right to change any restrictions or program requirements at any time. Every effort is made to provide a one year notice; however, changes or revisions that occur as the result of accreditation or approval body standards and criteria may be implemented with limited notice.

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