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Message from the Director

“The health care market is undergoing a rapid change. The pace of this change has provided a formidable challenge for institutions that provide the educational programs for future sonographers. We are proud of the fact that we are training our students to become skilled and compassionate health care providers who are certain to make valuable contributions to the communities they serve. If you wish to become a graduate who is adequately prepared to assume a leadership role in sonography, I encourage you to apply to our program.”
About Us

As a student in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program of Sacramento Ultrasound Institute, you can anticipate a remarkable experience. You will train, study, interact, and share faculty and resources with students from various backgrounds and disciplines. Alumni often visit and offer current students with tutoring and assistance. Our environment and curriculum is designed for you to learn not only through instructor, but also through peers.

Our History
In 1983, Sierra Hi Tech opened to train men and women in the Carmichael area in Drafting, CADD, Electronic Repair, Assembly and Computer related fields. In 2002, the administration incorporated and changed the name to College of Career Training. Medical practice programs and trade industry practices were offered to upgrade the education to the 21st Century opportunities of employment with Medical Claims / Billing, Physical Therapy Aide, Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Health and Environmental programs. In 2009 CCT shifted focus of programs into offering healthcare training while maintaining its core structure and teaching philosophies. In 2011, College of Career Training changed its name to the Sacramento Ultrasound Institute to better reflect its new focus.

Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is formed as an S Corporation and is wholly owned by Sima Dermishyan, who also serves as the current Chief Executive Officer.

Mission Statement
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is committed to provide our students with an opportunity to learn and work in an environment where quality is always delivered. With our commitment and implementing constructive change, we will continue to produce knowledgeable graduates in the medical field.

Catalog Review
Any questions a student may have regarding this catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to:

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
P.O. Box 980818 West Sacramento,
CA 95798-0818
www.bppe.ca.gov
P: 888.370.7589, F: 916.263.1897
Accreditation and Approvals

This institution is a private institution approved to operate by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. Approval to operate means the institution is compliant with the minimum standards contained in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is authorized for the training of Veterans and eligible persons as an eligible institution. This approval will enable Veterans and their eligible dependents/spouses to utilize their GI Bill benefits/Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits to train to become sonographers.

Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is a member of the California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools (CAPPS).

Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is approved to accept participants from Workforce Investment Act (WIA)and Employment Development Department (EDD). More information can be obtained at [http://www.edd.ca.gov/jobs_and_Training/Workforce_Investment_Act.htm](http://www.edd.ca.gov/jobs_and_Training/Workforce_Investment_Act.htm)

Sacramento Ultrasound Institute holds national institutional accreditation by the Accrediting Bureau for Health Education Schools (ABHES). ABHES accreditation does not include continuing education courses. ABHES is located at: 7777 Leesburg Pike Suite 314 N, Falls Church, Virginia 22043, (703) 917-9503.

Sacramento Ultrasound Institute have not filed for or been involved in any bankruptcy proceedings. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute does not have a pending petition in bankruptcy, is not operating as a debtor in possession, and has not filed a petition within the preceding six years, or has a petition in bankruptcy filed against it within the preceding six years that resulted in reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. Sec. 1101 et seq.).
Facilities and Equipment
SUI is located at 2233 Watt Ave Ste. 150 Sacramento, CA 95825. The school occupies an area that is approximately 10,000 square feet and is shared by administrative offices and academic classrooms.
The administrative offices comprise of 4 private offices for administrators, program directors and instructors, two (2) cubicles for support staff, locked student file vault, one (1) general storeroom, electrical room, and bathrooms.
The academic portion is comprised of four (4) classrooms, two (2) labs, one (1) computer lab, and a student break room.
The student break room is equipped with one (1) refrigerator, two (2) microwave ovens, and a water cooler,
Classrooms can accommodate from 12 to 30 students. All classrooms are equipped with state of the art interactive video conference equipment, DVD, dry-erase writing boards, LCD projectors, and computers that link to SUI’s internal network and the internet.
The computer lab contains twenty-two (22) computers connected to the SUI’s internal network and the internet. Skeletal, torso and organ models are utilized in each classroom and lab to facilitate visual learning. Each lab also contains active equipment which is utilized to simulate the clinical setting. Positioning labs and phantoms are provided to aid in the educational process.
## Administration and Faculty

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Programs of Study

Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Residential Instruction (70 Weeks)

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Program Description
The student receives eight hundred and eighty (880) hours of didactic and laboratory instruction and eight hundred (800) hours of clinical education allowing them to apply the lecture topics to practical use. The curriculum provides students with the technical, clinical, and interpersonal skills necessary to succeed in this field. In addition, the program prepares students to take their ARDMS examinations. Upon completion of the program, a diploma is awarded. Normal completion time for this program is 72 weeks excluding any holiday and vacation times.

Graduates receive a certificate of completion at the time of graduation.

Program Objectives
The student will receive didactic and internship education in obstetrics and gynecology, abdominal, small parts, cardiac and vascular anatomy, physiology and pathology, with emphasis on application of ultrasound procedures. Instructor to student ratio is 1:13 in lecture and 1:13 in laboratory and 1:1 during internship.

Sonographer Duties
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers, also known as Sonographers use high-frequency sound waves to image organs, masses, motion of blood and heart, and fluid accumulations within the body. An ultrasound image results from the reflection of the sound waves by the body. The images/video clips are viewed on a computer screen and are recorded on various formats and are used in interpretation and diagnosis by physicians. The technology is advancing rapidly which requires sonographers to be flexible, adaptable team players who are committed lifelong learners.
Accreditation
This course is programmatically currently unaccredited. To find out how accreditation affects your ability to take the ARDMS exam, please visit [www.ardms.org/apply](http://www.ardms.org/apply)

Prerequisite Requirements
All prerequisite requirements must be completed prior to submitting an application to the program.
- Applicants must have verification of completion of a minimum of an BA/BS degree from an accredited institution

*NOTE: All foreign diplomas and transcripts must include a notarized translation in English and must be evaluated by a foreign transcript agency prior to submission.*

Physical Requirements:
- Lift more than 50 pounds and push-and-pull routinely
- Hear sufficiently to assess patient needs and communicate verbally with other healthcare providers
- Have full use of arms, hands, and wrists
- Possess adequate visual acuity to review sonograms, including color distinctions
- Stand and walk on your feet 80% of the time
- Reach at or above shoulder level intermittently for 90% of work time

Graduation Requirements
To be eligible for graduation from any of the programs, the student must meet the following criteria:
1. All financial obligations must be met including tuition and textbooks
2. The student must complete and pass all didactic and clinical courses including all required examinations
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Courses

SUI 001 Anatomy and Physiology (8.5 Credits)
This course is designed to provide students with knowledge of the human body and to develop an understanding of the functions of different systems. Students will be introduced to the anatomy and physiology of the gastrointestinal tract, Urinary, Endocrine, Male Reproduction, and the Female Breast including techniques for obtaining ultrasound images. In addition, the Senses, Nervous, Musculoskeletal, and Respiratory Systems will be reviewed. This course is designed to assist student in the knowledge of the human body, how each system interacts and relates with each other. The course assists in developing the skills sought after in an ultrasound technologist to produce a well imaged body part. Medical terminology related to each body system is also included.

SUI 003 Foundations of Sonography (1 Credit)
This course will provide students with a foundation of how Sonography came to be. It will emphasize on the history of Sonography relating to the technologies that lead to the creation of the ultrasound system.

DMS 100 Abdomen & Small Parts (14.5 Credits)
An introduction to Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, and Sonographic interpretation and techniques of the Gastrointestinal tract, Renal, Adrenals, and Retroperitoneum. In depth studies of Liver, Gallbladder, and Biliary System, Pancreas, Abdominal Aorta, Inferior Vena Cava, Portal Venous System, Urinary System with emphasis on the Kidneys. The Lymphatic System is also studied at this time, in relationship to the Spleen. The Thyroid, Breast, Male Pelvis and its reproductive system, Scrotum and Prostate with sonographic recognition of the normal versus abnormal. Medical and Sonography terminology is covered.

DMS 200 Ultrasound Physics (8 Credits)
Medical terminology, sonography terminology, scanning techniques and the physical principles of physics with color flow. The course develops a working knowledge of sonography, including a survey of diagnostic, diseases, and major body systems and processes. The topics also include mathematical and physical principles of ultrasound, interaction of sound with tissue, generation and detection, instrumentation, imaging artifacts and performance measurements.

DMS 400 Arterial Vascular (15.5)

DMS 500 Gynecology & Obstetrics (14.5 Credits)
The Sonographic recognition and interpretations for Gynecology, Embryology, and Obstetrics. The development of the fetus and genetic defects and anomalies and abnormality of the fetus. The normal verses abnormal throughout all terms of the pregnancy are presented at this time.
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Advanced
Residential Instruction (96 Weeks)

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Graduates receive a certificate of completion at the time of graduation.

Program Objectives
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Accreditation
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Prerequisite Requirements
Students must also be able to provide proof of appropriate educational requirement such as:
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- Copy of GED certificate

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Physical Requirements:
- Lift more than 50 pounds and push-and-pull routinely
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- Stand and walk on your feet 80% of the time
- Reach at or above shoulder level intermittently for 90% of work time

Graduation Requirements
To be eligible for graduation from any of the programs, the student must meet the following criteria:
1. All financial obligations must be met including tuition and textbooks
2. The student must complete and pass all didactic and clinical courses including all required examinations

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Courses
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**DMS 300 Echocardiography (31.5 Credits)**
This course covers cardiac anatomy and physiology with particular attention to cardiac electrical activity and the interpretation of electrocardiograms. The student echocardiographer develops skill in recognizing normal sinus rhythm versus atypical cardiac rhythms. Students learn to interpret common cardiac dysrhythmias, including sinus, atrial, junctional, and ventricular, and integrate this skill into the daily practice of echocardiography.

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MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) Technologist
Residential Instruction (67 Weeks)

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Program Description
The student receives six hundred seventy-five (675) hours of didactic instruction and one thousand (1000) hours of clinical education allowing them to apply the lecture topics to practical use. The curriculum provides students with the technical, clinical, and interpersonal skills necessary to succeed in this field. In addition, the program prepares students to take their ARMRIT examination. Upon completion of the program, an Associates in Applied Science is awarded. Normal completion time for this program is 67 weeks excluding any holiday and vacation times.

Graduates receive an Associates in Applied Science Degree.

Program Objectives
The student will receive lecture and clinical externship instruction in the theoretical knowledge, skills, and responsibilities required to work in the allied medical field as an entry-level MRI Technologist.

Accreditation
This course is not programmatically accredited. To find out how accreditation affects your ability to take the ARMRIT exam, please visit [www.armrit.org](http://www.armrit.org)

Prerequisite Requirements
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MRI Technologist Program Courses

AP100 Anatomy & Physiology I (5 Credits)
This course is designed to provide students with knowledge of the human body and to develop an understanding of the functions of different systems. Students will be introduced to medical terminology, the anatomy and physiology of the digestive system, urinary system, female reproductive system, male reproductive system and the nervous system. This course is designed to assist student in the knowledge of the human body, how each system interacts and relates with each other. The course assists in developing the skills sought after in an MRI technologist to produce a well imaged body part.

AP101 Anatomy & Physiology II (5 Credits)
This course is designed to provide students with knowledge of the human body and to develop an understanding of the functions of different systems. Students will be introduced to the cardiovascular system, respiratory system, the blood system, lymphatic system, musculoskeletal skin, the eye and ear, and the endocrine system. This course is designed to assist student in the knowledge of the human body, how each system interacts and relates with each other. The course assists in developing the skills sought after in an MRI technologist to produce a well imaged body part.
PSYC100 Applied Psychology in Health Care (3 Credits)
Applied Psychology in Health Care applies the basics of psychology to provide caregivers with an understanding of the mental health of patients and themselves. This course prepares health care workers to effectively communicate and provide superior patient care.

MATH100 Mathematics for Health Sciences (3 Credits)
This course includes basic math review and deeper concepts, including algebra and geometry, linear equations and graphing, dilutions, solutions, and concentrations, dosage calculations and more. This course is directed towards the health sciences.

ENG100 College Reading (3 Credits)
This course works to build the skills needed to become stronger readers. This course will show students how thinking skills used while watching television or movies can easily transfer to reading. There will be extensive vocabulary coverage, critical thinking practice throughout, and textbook readings in every chapter to help student’s master college reading.

MRI100 MRI Cross Sectional Anatomy (6.5 Credits)
This course is the study of cross sectional normal and abnormal anatomy, known as pathology. The course will demonstrate and educate the student on the correlation of the study of cross sectional anatomy and MRI. MRI allows a detailed view into the human body with multiple orthogonal planes (axial, sagittal, coronal and oblique planes). Looking at the human anatomy in multiple orthogonal planes with MRI allows an evaluation of soft tissue, vascular structures, bony structures, organs and muscles. This course will familiarize the student with the common Pathologies found in Magnetic Resonance Imaging and their appearance with various imaging protocols. His content will be encompassing all of the common Anatomic Regions evaluated in the Anatomy Component.

MRI101 MRI Imaging & Procedures (6.5 Credits)
In this course, students learn the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanning procedures for the central nervous, musculoskeletal chest, abdomen, and pelvis systems. Topics include scanning pulse sequences, positioning and patient care, sectional anatomy, and pathology. Anatomical structures and the plane that best demonstrates anatomy will be discussed as well as signal characteristics of normal and abnormal structures.

MRI102 MRI Physics & Instrumentation (6.5 Credits)
In this course, students are introduced to the physical principles of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), including the basic physics of MRI. Topics include magnetism, MRI signal production, image contrast, spatial localization including k-space filling, an introduction to
pulse sequence diagrams, maximum intensity projection image formation, diffusion and perfusion, fundamentals of flow including types of flow, flow motion correction, vascular imaging, imaging parameters and tradeoff, artifacts and compensations.

**MRI103 MRI Patient Care & Management (5 Credits)**
This course focuses on the student's ability to provide basic and appropriate patient care in the MRI environment. The course is broken into key components: patient care & management, CPR/BLS certification, and pharmacology and drug administration procedures. Emphasis is placed on effective communication skills, patient safety, medical ethics, and patient's rights, assessment, proper body mechanics, infection control, emergency medicine in MRI and being aware of the patient's individual needs.

**CNL100 Clinical Externship I (11 Credits)**
Students will be introduced to the clinical practice of MRI with emphasis on basic magnetic resonance (MR) scan procedures, MRI safety and patient care. This course requires a 20 week, 25-hours/week clinical rotation under the supervision of a certified MRI technologist.

**CNL101 Clinical Externship II (11 Credits)**
Students will be introduced to the clinical practice of MRI with emphasis on basic magnetic resonance (MR) scan procedures, MRI safety and patient care. This course requires a 20 week, 25-hours/week clinical rotation under the supervision of a certified MRI technologist.
Admissions, Registration, and Financial Information

Admissions Policy
This Admissions Policy is used to define the enrollment requirements for individuals who wish to enroll at Sacramento Ultrasound Institute as a regular student. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute must adhere to the U.S. Department of Education, Accrediting Agency, and Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education guidelines.

General Admission Requirements: Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is an equal opportunity employer and follows the same policies in accepting applications from potential students. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is open to all students without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, creed, origin, sexual orientation, disability or marital status. To be eligible for admission, an applicant must be able to read and write English, and the student must meet the following requirements.

- Be at least 18 years of age (Age will be verified with Individual’s ID)
- Have an initial interview with an Admissions Representative (student, spouse or parent)
- Provide a valid driver’s license, state ID with photo, or valid passport.
- Student has verifiable Social Security Number
- Students must also be able to provide proof of appropriate educational requirement such as:
  - Copy of high school diploma, or
  - Copy of high school transcript showing graduation date.
    (Note: The high school diploma or transcript requirement can also be from a foreign school if it is equivalent to a US high school diploma; Documentation of proof of completion of secondary education from a foreign country must be officially translated into English and officially certified as the equivalent of high school completion in the United States.)
  - Copy of GED certificate
- Be able to speak, read, and write fluently in English (all classes are taught in English).
- Provide documentation of eligibility to work in the United States.
- Pay the required Registration Fee.

The School does not accept Ability to Benefit (ATB) students and does not offer a Comprehensive Transition Postsecondary Program.

The Admissions Process
1. Tour the facility and attend an Informational Interview.
2. Submit the proof of age, diploma and employability.
3. Complete the Enrollment Agreement.
4. Pay the Registration Fee.
CPR
Prior to the start of the internship component students must submit proof of completion and current certification in CPR for the Healthcare Provider. A one-day CPR workshop is provided to students by SUI twice each year. The cost of the CPR workshop will be paid by the student. Failure to keep this certification current could impact the student's ability to attend the clinical facility, to complete the program's graduation requirements, or to obtain certification after completion of the program.

Required Shot and Vaccination Records
- Tuberculin (TB) Skin Test—within the last 6 months (if positive, a chest x-ray is required within the last two years.
- Tetanus/Diphtheria—Current within 5 years
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)—Two doses of measles are required either separately or in combination.
- Varicella (chicken pox) – immunization is required. History of Chicken pox is not sufficient proof of immunization.
- Flu Shot

Background Check
Applicants are required to complete a general background check prior to the start of the internship as requested by a hospital/clinical setting. The cost of all required background checks will be paid by the student. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute will facilitate background checking procedures. Background check results will be provided to the clinical facility by the student upon request of the clinical education site. Background check results could impact the student's ability to attend the clinical facility, to complete the program's graduation requirements, or to obtain certification after completion of the program. Applicants should be aware that the clinical education site has the ability to request an additional background check or to refuse a student based upon the results. Applicants should check State regulations related to criminal convictions and the ability to be licensed.

Health Screening Requirements
Each applicant must provide an attestation from his or her physician certifying the absence of physical and/or mental and/or contagious disorders. Drug screening test results are required prior to the start of internships and must be completed. Positive results of a student's drug testing could impact the student's ability to attend the clinical facility, to complete the program's graduation requirements, or to obtain certification after completion of the program. The cost of examinations, screenings and drug tests will be paid by the student.
Registration
All new applicants are subject to pay the $100 Registration Fee. Individuals who were enrolled, however never started the core program and wish to enroll again are considered to be first-time applicants. Graduates of the SUU who wish to enroll again are considered new applicants. Individuals who are eligible to re-enroll are subject to pay the $100 Registration Fee if re-enrollment occurs after 180 days of an approved withdrawal date.
Individuals who are eligible to re-enroll are not subject to pay the $100 Registration Fee if re-enrollment occurs within 180 days of an approved withdrawal date.
*The Registration Fee is a non-refundable fee.

RE-ENROLLMENT
Students who have previously attended the College will be subject to the same admission requirements and procedures as new applicants. All re-entering students must complete new Enrollment Agreement and are charged the rate of tuition in effect at the time of re-entry.

If a student withdraws from a course before the completion of a module, the student will receive a W for that module. If the student returns to school, all course work graded “W” should be completed. Any Incomplete and Withdrawal will be counted as a 0 in the overall cumulative grade point average. It is important that the student makes up the Incomplete or Withdrawal as soon as possible.

Students will be allowed to repeat a module once at no additional charge. The time needed to repeat the module must be within the maximum time frame for that course. The student will be given an opportunity, at the discretion of the School Director and subject to the availability of space, to repeat, remedial or make up work. This work shall be given full standing and credit with respect to the evaluation of the student’s maintaining of Satisfactory Progress.

Students, who have been dismissed for lack of satisfactory academic progress from any program, may apply to the School Director, in writing, to be re-admitted to the school by following the reinstatement procedures outlined in this catalog. A student may appeal the determination of unsatisfactory academic progress and/or their dismissal based upon extenuating circumstances by following the Student Appeals Procedure outlined in this catalog. To repeat a failed section, there will be a meeting between your instructor and administrator and yourself. If this is not arranged within 30 days, you will be placed on 30 days’ probation. Conditions for this interruption are determined by a scholastic score of less than 70%. Re-entry requirement would be for you to make-up the exam achieving a minimum score of 70%. If a student fails a final exam he or she will be given up to one week to take an additional final and with 10 points subtracted. Only one make-up is allowed per section.
Foreign Transcript/Diploma Evaluations
All foreign transcripts and degrees must be evaluated and translated by a “Foreign education transcript evaluation organization” and must indicate that it is the equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma in order to be accepted by SUI.

The School does not accept Ability to Benefit (ATB) students and does not offer a Comprehensive Transition Postsecondary Program.

Incarcerated Applicants
A student is considered to be incarcerated if she/he is serving a criminal sentence in a federal, state, or local penitentiary, prison, jail, reformatory, work farm, or similar correctional institution (whether it is operated by the government or a contractor). A student is not considered to be incarcerated if she/he is in a halfway house or home detention or is sentenced to serve only weekends. Our attendance policy specifies that all classed and practical studies are done at the school’s physical location; therefore, incarcerated students are not eligible for admissions.

Advanced Placement & Credit Granting
The institution publishes and follows a policy for transfer of credit that requires consideration of credit from other institutions accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). It is up to the discretion of SUI to approve a transfer of credits from another institution.

To transfer credits from another institution, official transcripts must be sent directly from the other institution, or armed forces, to SUI for review and evaluation. The credits awarded will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. A “C” or better is required to receive credit for that particular course or module. The school does not recruit students already attending or admitted to another school offering similar programs of study. All requests for exemption or credit for prior education must be submitted prior to the starting of training. All new students may request exemption from a course(s) based on post-secondary education or training. Transcripts from national or regionally accredited colleges and universities may be submitted for clock hours.

Experiential Learning: SUI does not grant credit for life experience unless the experiential learning culminated in licensure or certification in a professional field. Where a particular licensing or government agency requires credit for experience to be granted as determined by a written and/or practical examination, SUI will comply with such regulations.

Articulation Agreements: Sacramento Ultrasound Institute currently does not have any articulation agreements.
Financial Information

Financial Obligations of Students
In accordance with California Education Code Section 72237, SUI shall withhold transcripts, diplomas, and registration privileges from any student or former student who has been provided with written notice that he or she has failed to pay a proper financial obligation due to SUI. Any item or items withheld shall be released when the student satisfies the financial obligation.

In-House Financing
Tuition funding is available where the tuition can be financed with the school in equal monthly payments with a predetermined down payment in accordance with the qualifications of the applicant and as per the enrollment agreement contract at 0% interest. There are no carrying charges, interest charges, or service charges connected with the “in house” financing program. Payment arrangements are made at the time of enrollment.

Financial Assistance
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute does not participate in federal financial aid programs. Payment arrangements will be made on an individual basis.

Consumable Instructional Supplies
Where the school makes a separate charge for consumable instructional supplies, as distinguished from Equipment fees, the exact amount of the charges for supplies consumed may be retained but any remaining part must be refunded.

Late Payment of Tuition and Fees
A late payment fee of $25 is assessed to students who do not complete payment of tuition and fees by 12:00 of the due date, except for extenuating circumstances approved by administration.

Student’s Right to Cancel
You have the right to cancel your program of instruction, without any penalty or obligations:
1. A full refund of all tuition and fees paid will be made: if a student cancels his/her Enrollment Agreement by notifying the academy within three days of enrollment; or
2. Cancels his/her Enrollment Agreement through attendance at the first class session or the seventh calendar day after enrollment, whichever is later, after the three days after enrollment stated in “1.” above. The academy will refund the student any money he/she paid, less a registration or administration fee not to exceed $100.00, and less any deduction for equipment not returned in good condition, within 45 days after the notice of cancellation is received.
After the end of the cancellation period, you also have the right to discontinue school at any time; please see Withdrawal from the Program for more details.

Cancellation may occur when the student provides a written notice of cancellation and can be done by mail or by hand delivery. The written notice of cancellation, if sent by mail, is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with proper postage. The written notice of cancellation need not take any particular form and, however expressed, it is effective if it shows that the student no longer wishes to be bound by the Enrollment Agreement.

Withdrawal from the Program
You may withdraw from the school at any time after the cancellation period (described above) and receive a pro rata refund if you have completed 60 percent or less of the scheduled hours in the current payment period in your program through the last day of attendance. The refund will be less a registration or administration fee not to exceed $250.00, and less any deduction for equipment not returned in good condition, within 30 days of withdrawal. If the student has completed more than 60% of the period of attendance for which the student was charged, the tuition is considered earned and the student will receive no refund.

For the purpose of determining a refund under this section, a student shall be deemed to have withdrawn from a program of instruction when any of the following occurs:

- The student notifies the institution of the student's withdrawal or as of the date of the student's withdrawal, whichever is later.
- The institution terminates the student's enrollment for failure to maintain satisfactory progress; failure to abide by the rules and regulations of the institution; absences in excess of maximum set forth by the institution; and/or failure to meet financial obligations to the School.
- The student has failed to attend class for two (2) consecutive weeks.
- The student fails to return from a leave of absence.

For the purpose of determining the date and amount of the refund, the date of the student's withdrawal shall be deemed the last date of recorded attendance. The amount owed equals the daily charge for the program (total institutional charge, minus non-refundable fees, divided by the number of hours in the program), multiplied by the number of hours scheduled to attend, prior to withdrawal. If the student has completed more than 60% of the period of attendance for which the student was charged, the tuition is considered earned and the student will receive no refund.

If any portion of the tuition was paid from the proceeds of a loan or third party, the refund shall be sent to the lender, third party or, if appropriate, to the state or federal agency that guaranteed or reinsured the loan.
Veterans Benefits
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is approved for the training of veterans and eligible persons as an eligible institution. Applications for Veterans benefits may be obtained by contacting the Veterans Administration. Approval of training benefits to be awarded is the responsibility of the Veterans Administration. In order to achieve and maintain eligibility in the VA, there are additional requirements placed upon the institution and the applicant who intends to utilize their VA benefits.

Applicants to Sacramento Ultrasound Institute who are eligible for VA benefits must comply with the items included in this section as well as all Sacramento Ultrasound Institute’s institutional policies. Students may check their eligibility at [http://gibill.va.gov](http://gibill.va.gov).

VA Review of Prior Training for Transfer Credit
Prior to being accepted into Sacramento Ultrasound Institute, any VA eligible applicant must supply to SUI, providing official documentation of all previous training. This previous training includes any military courses and training, any prior post secondary educational institutions attended, whether traditional college or vocational training, and/or any medical training. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute will review each submitted official transcript or other official documentation to determine if any prior training may be utilized as transfer credit into a program.

Registration Fee
An established registration fee in an amount not to exceed $10 need not be subject to proration. Where the established registration fee is more than $10, the amount in excess of $10 will be subject to proration.

Books, Supplies and Equipment
A veteran or eligible person may retain or dispose of books, supplies and equipment at his or her discretion.

VA Transfer Credit
If transfer credit is granted to a VA eligible applicant, the portion of the program that is replaced is not eligible for certification for VA benefits. The applicable part of the program substituted is not billable to the student or VA, or any other agency.

VA Specific Academic Requirements of Eligibility
VA eligible students must maintain Satisfactory Progress in their program to maintain benefits eligibility. Students not receiving a minimum grade of C in any course will be referred for remediation; please read our SAP Policy for more information.
Additional Responsibilities for VA Eligible Applicants
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute does not determine any eligibility for VA benefits. The eligible applicant must complete all required VA applications and requirements with the VA and receive VA approval prior to SUI accepting any expected VA funds as part of a tuition payment plan.

Receipt of VA Additional Notices
The VA requires that all VA eligible applicants receive a copy of the SUI Catalog and that Sacramento Ultrasound Institute documents such disclosures.

Tuition and Other Charges
This school has and maintains a policy for the refund of the unused portion of tuition, fees and other charges in the event the veteran or eligible person fails to enter the course or withdraws, or is discontinued therefrom at any time prior to completion. The amount charged to the veteran or eligible person for tuition, fees and other charges does not exceed the approximate pro-rata portion of the total charges for tuition, fees and other charges, that the length of the completed portion of the course should bear to its total length.

Current Cost of Tuition and Fees

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Students with Disabilities:
The school complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and is wheelchair accessible. If enrolled under training with a government agency, institution district, and/or other entity, students must meet the admission requirements set out in the training agreement and/or applicable state licensing or certifications requirements. The facility is equipped with ramp access from the parking lot, extra wide hallways and doors, A.D.A. required door handles and a restroom to accommodate disabled students.

If you are interested in attending the School but are in need of reasonable accommodations, you should schedule an appointment with the Director. At this meeting, we will discuss the nature of the reported disability and its impact on learning. We will also discuss the process of receiving reasonable accommodations at the School, and the types of accommodations available.

Please bring copies of current documentation of a disability to this meeting. Documentation must be provided by a medical expert within the last three years and include:

- a diagnosis of the disability;
- how the diagnosis was determined (what tests were given and the results); and
- A clinical summary, which includes an assessment of how the disability will impact the individual in a college environment and what accommodations are recommended.

Upon completion of the initial meeting, a formal request for the accommodation must be submitted in writing to the school. The initial meeting, formal request, and response from the school must take place prior to the pre-enrollment process.
Academic and Clinical Policies

Graduation Requirements
To be eligible for graduation from any of the programs, the student must meet the following criteria:
1. All financial obligations must be met including tuition and textbooks
2. The student must complete and pass all didactic and clinical courses including all required examinations

Program Delivery
Instructional delivery at Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is conducted through direct classroom instruction. The lectures and labs are being held on campus and clinical at an assigned clinical site(s).

English Instruction
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute does not offer English as a Second Language instruction. All instruction occurs in English.

Clinical Facilities
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute has entered into affiliation agreements with clinical facilities that provide the student with experiences in many areas pertaining to program requirements. Students are assigned to clinical experiences in hospitals and various outpatient centers in the community. Clinical site availability varies and is closely managed by the Program Coordinator and Career Services Director to provide students with experiences to meet each discipline requirement. The clinical experiences help students gain experience that prepares them for entry-level positions in the medical field. Please refer to the Clinical Handbook for more information.
In 2014, SUI Diagnostics opened its doors as a diagnostic facility located in the same building as Sacramento Ultrasound Institute. The diagnostic facility is a fully functional facility servicing clinics, hospitals, and/or elective patients.

Travel Disclosure
Every attempt is made to place a student as close to home as possible. However, clinical experiences are often limited by the number of students living within a specific geographic region and by the number of clinical sites available. In addition, students may be required to rotate between clinical sites during the course of their clinical education to ensure all students receive equitable high quality clinical education during their training. All students must be prepared and willing to commit themselves to any travel time required to achieve the educational goals of the program. Students may be required to travel more than an hour to clinical sites. Travel to an internship site varies and can be over 100 miles one way from campus. In addition, some of our programs may occasionally
conduct labs at our clinical sites. Students/applicants are encouraged to check with their program officials for more details. Rotation requirements will be presented to the students by their respective Clinical Coordinator and/or Program Director. Transportation for students to internship sites is not provided by the academy. Students should plan accordingly for additional travel costs. The student must provide his/her own transportation. If for any reason the student does not have access to a vehicle for personal use or does not have a valid driver license, the student is responsible for acquiring an alternative form of transportation. It is important for each student to have independent reliable transportation. Internship assignments cannot and will not be based on transportation needs.

**Registry Disclaimer**
The law does not require sonographers to be registered by The American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) to work, but such credential may increase the chances of being hired. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute accepts applicants with a). Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in any field, or who possess an Associate of Science degree in an Allied Health field directed at human patient care; b). High School Diploma or equivalent. Graduates who were accepted to the program under prerequisite a.) Specified above are eligible to sit for the ARDMS examination immediately after completion of the program under ARDMS prerequisite 1 (for Associate of Science degree in an Allied Health field graduates) and ARDMS prerequisite 3A (for Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree graduates).

Graduates who were accepted to the program under prerequisite b.) Specified above are NOT allowed to sit for the ARDMS examination immediately after completion. The graduate who want to sit for the ARDMS exam must obtain twelve (12) months of full-time employment in a clinical ultrasound/vascular environment after graduation. Full-time employment is defined as 35 hours per week, at least 48 weeks per year. If working part-time, the requirements are pro-rated. For example, working 20 hours per week would satisfy the prerequisite in approximately 24 months. Please note that the program’s required clinical rotation does not count towards the employment after graduation to meet this ARDMS eligibility prerequisite. For more information about the ARDMS registry and examination you can visit ARDMS website at www.ardms.org or contact them at: The American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers, 51 Monroe Street, Plaza East One, Rockville, MD 20850, Telephone: (301) 738-8401 / Toll Free: (800) 541-9754, Fax: (301) 738-0312 / 0313.

**Class Size**
In order to maintain the College's high standards, classes are limited well below the state standards. An average class size contains about 8 students with a maximum of 14.
Program Policies
Academy policies cover all programs and courses offered at Sacramento Ultrasound Institute. There are, however, program specific particulars and guidelines that are explained in much more detail in programmatic Student Handbooks. Both of our programs have a single Student Handbook that include programmatic rules and regulations (subject to change without notice). Students must make sure to read and understand all programmatic rules and regulations in addition to Sacramento Ultrasound Institute.

Unit of Credit
Academic credit is measured in clock hours.

Typically, one hour of instructional time is defined as a fifty-minute period. Credits earned at Sacramento Ultrasound Institute are for determining progress towards program completion only. The credits are not typically transferable to another school, college or university.

Semester credit hours are determined as follows:
15 hours of lectures = 1 Semester credit hour
30 hours of laboratory = 1 Semester credit hour
45 hours of clinical = 1 Semester credit hour

Grade Scale

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Attendance Policy

It has become crystal clear that class attendance is the most important factor in student success (course completion and graduation). In order to be fair to all involved, and to show respect for yourself, your classmates, your instructor, and ultimately your future employer, good attendance is a necessity.

Perfect attendance is expected of each student, just as an employer expects perfect attendance from an employee. Satisfactory attendance is vitally important and is a requirement of all students.

All absences are recorded and made a part of the student's permanent record. Students are responsible for notifying the Instructor or administration when they are to be absent or tardy.

Excessive absenteeism of greater than 15% in any class or as a whole is not acceptable and is grounds for disciplinary action. Generally, students will be allowed to miss no more than 5 class days in any six-week period. On the 6th absence the student may be dropped from the class and must wait until it is offered again to retake it.

Any student missing eight (8) consecutive days regardless of excused or unexcused absences of scheduled classes will be dismissed from school, unless the student is on an approved Leave of Absence.

The student will also be charged for each class that must be repeated due to forced withdrawal or due to failure of a class associated with poor attendance (See tuition & fees for details on these charges). SUI may take into consideration absences that may not be required to be made up in order to receive course credit.

Legal and school holidays, breaks, and class cancellations (i.e. weather conditions, etc.) are not included in calculations for class attendance and therefore are not considered as days of absence.

Tardiness

Failure to report for class when the class begins or leaving before class ends is classified as tardy. Tardiness two times in one grading period will be charged as one hour of absence. A tardy of more than 15 minutes will be charged as one hour of absence. If after initial reprimand the tardiness continues, the student may be suspended or terminated, subject to extenuating circumstances, the student's progress, and the discretion of the Director.

While it is preferable that all students report to the institution for exit interviews upon withdrawal from courses, the student receiving Department of Veterans (DVA) benefits must report to the institution immediately upon withdrawal or dropping from courses.
**Student Absence**
The following absences are the only excused absences. Students must provide proof of excused absences:
- Medical Emergency
- Jury Duty
- Family Emergency*

* If you are the sole responsible person for a child or dependent adult and there is a medical emergency, you must provide written documentation from physician. Medical clearance must be provided to and approved by the program coordinator prior to the student being allowed to return to the clinical setting.

**Make-Up Work**
Classroom/Lab - Make-up work may be assigned to enable a student to progress in a timely manner. Scheduling of make-up work is left to the discretion of each Instructor. It is the student's responsibility to acquire any and all work missed and be ready for upcoming tests or assignments. Regardless of whether students are allowed “make-up work,” students are responsible for all course material taught.

**Leaves of Absence**
If enrollment is temporarily interrupted for a Leave of Absence, students return to school in the same SAP status prior to the leave of absence. Clock hours that have elapsed during a leave of absence will extend students’ contract period by the same number of clock hours and days taken in the leave of absence and will not be included in the cumulative attendance percentage calculation. A school's Leave of Absence Policy must specify that all requests for an LOA be in writing, be signed, and be dated. Before a school grants an LOA, there must be reasonable expectation that the student will return from the leave. The school's LOA policy must specify that the reason for the student's leave must be included on a student's application for an LOA.

Students who do not return from a Leave of Absence will be unofficially withdrawn from the school within 14 days after the return date and will have their last date of attendance as the last day they attended before the start of the leave. Students who withdraw prior to completion of the course and wish to re-enroll within 180 days of the original official withdrawal date will return in the same SAP status as at the time of withdrawal. Course incompletes, repetitions and non-credit remedial courses do not apply. Therefore, the school does not issue incompletes or offer non-credit remedial courses. All hours attended are considered attempted. Students are not permitted to withdraw from individual subjects. Students withdrawing from school will receive credit for all work successfully completed up to the point of withdrawal.
Student’s Right to Privacy
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute complies with The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). This act provides SUI students with certain rights involving access and release of records that are deemed personally identifiable. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute departments maintain student records within a locked fire-proof cabinet. Personally identifiable information from these records may not be disclosed to a third party without either the written consent of the eligible student. Release of records to regulatory bodies, accrediting bodies, oversight bodies and legally executed court subpoenas do not require student or parent consent of release.

Student Records
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute maintains student records in individual student folders according to privacy regulations. Student folders are started for each future student during registration and enrollment to Sacramento Ultrasound Institute. Student folders contain documents such as the registration form, enrollment agreement, transcripts, and other official information. If a student withdraws/is expelled prior to completion/graduation of the program, student folder will also contain documents such as a summary statement of the student’s progress, refund calculation, a copy of refund (if applicable) and so on. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute student folders will contain official information for five years after student separation from the institution. After five years the student folder will be archived into electronic format and will be kept on an offline and encrypted server. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute will maintain the transcripts for all students indefinitely. Students are encouraged to make and archive copies of all important documentation during and after their studies at Sacramento Ultrasound Institute. Students may review their student folders any time under the direct supervision of the Director or a Designated School Official. Should students find their folder information inaccurate or misleading, students are encouraged to voice their opinions and request a review of their student folder by an Admission Advisor/Designated School Official.

Transcripts
Each student’s folder contains the student’s academic progress record and evidence of diplomas issued by Academy. The first two Official transcripts requested are issued at no charge. A $5 fee is charged for subsequent transcript requests. Transcripts will only be released to the student upon receipt of a written and signed request. Transcripts will be issued in full when all tuition and other fees due the institution are paid current. If partial payment has been made, then a partial transcript will be provided that corresponds on a pro rata basis to the amount of tuition or loan obligation the student has not paid.
Training Refresher
Graduates who desire refresher training within 1 year of graduation, in any of the courses, may be admitted to retake a desired module. The charge for such training, if any, will be determined at the time of enrollment. Admittance is based on space availability.

Crime, Accident & Incident Policy
Crime, accident, and/or incident report forms are kept in the school office. Those involved in or witnessing accidents, emergencies, incidents, or crimes should fill out the proper forms. When required, the school will notify appropriate authorities such as 911, fire, police, or medical personnel. The school is not responsible for decisions made by any of these agencies. Every effort will be made to contact the students nearest relative regarding any emergency.
Standard precautionary procedures are followed in the event of an accidental stick and/or possible contamination of a student with bio-hazardous materials. Instructors are well versed in the procedures. All visitors, personnel, and students are reminded not to leave personal belongings unattended. SUI is not responsible for any loss of property. For more information, please refer to the Student Handbook.

STRF Information
“The State of California created the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic losses suffered by students in educational programs who are California residents, or are enrolled in a residency programs, attending certain schools regulated by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. You may be eligible for STRF if you are a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

- The School closed before the course of instruction was completed.
- The school's failure to pay refunds or charges on behalf of a student to a third party for license fees or any other purpose, or to provide equipment or materials for which a charge was collected 180 days before the closure of the school.
- The school's failure to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federally guaranteed student loan program as required by law or to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the school prior to closure in excess of tuition and other costs.
- There was a material failure to comply with the Act or this Division within 30 days before the school closed or, if the material failure began earlier than 30 days prior to closure, the period determined by the Bureau.
- An inability after diligent efforts to prosecute, prove, and collect on a judgment against the institution for a violation of the Act.”
Note however, no claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number.
To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the student must file an STRF application within one (1) year of receiving notice from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) the State of California that the school is closed. If the student does not receive notice from BPPE, the student has four (4) years from the date of closure to file an STRF application. If a judgment is obtained, the student must file an STRF application within two (2) years of the final judgment.

It is important that students keep copies of the enrollment form, financial documents, receipts, and any other information that documents the monies paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF Policy may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) the State of California, 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95833, (916) 431-6959.

You must pay the state-imposed assessment for the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) if all of the following applies to you:

- You are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition either by cash, guaranteed student loans, or personal loans, and
- Your total charges are not paid by any third-party payer such as an employer, government program or other payer unless you have a separate agreement to repay the third party.

You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if either of the following applies:

- You are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program, or
- Your total charges are paid by a third party, such as an employer, government program or other payer, and you have no separate agreement to repay the third party."

NOTE for clarification: Distance Education students pay STRF only if they physically reside in the State of California
Student Grievance and Appeals
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is dedicated to the fair treatment of and professional conduct with students. Students are first encouraged to discuss any concerns or questions regarding policies and/or decisions rendered directly with the party with which the student has a concern. Should any student have a complaint, the student is asked to discuss the matter directly with an Instructor or Administrator who will engage in an informal process to settle the dispute in good faith. That informal process will involve three steps:

1. An effort to define the problem
2. An effort to identify acceptable options for resolution
3. An attempt to resolve the conflict through the application of one or more of acceptable options for resolution

If, as a result of these discussions, the student does not feel that the issue has been satisfactorily resolved, he or she may file a written complaint directly to the Assistant Director who will do his/her best to resolve the matter at hand for the benefit of the student and SUI. The Assistant Director will try to explain or alleviate the complaint or grievance that the student presents within five (5) days of receipt. If after following these steps the Assistant Director is unable to remedy the issue and student is still unsatisfied with the solution, then the Director will investigate all written complaints, attempt to resolve all such complaints, and record an entry into the campus's official log. The formal process will require the student's submission of a written description of the specific allegations and the desired remedy, accompanied by any available documentation. The Director will have five (5) days to respond to the grievance and determine a fair course of action. The Director may notify the student of the decision reached. If need be, students may also follow the Appeals Procedures outlined below for further course of action.

Furthermore, a student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling 888.370.7589 toll-free or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's Internet website www.bppe.ca.gov.

Approval Disclosure Statement
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute has been granted approval to operate by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education pursuant to California Education Code Section 94915. The Bureau approval means the institution and its operation comply with the standards established under law for occupational instruction by Private Postsecondary Educational institutions and does not imply any endorsement or recommendation by the State or by the Bureau. Instruction is in residence with a facility occupancy level that will accommodate 50 students at any one time. California statute requires that a student, who successfully completes a course of study, be awarded an appropriate diploma or certificate verifying the fact. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute awards its graduates a certificate as an acknowledgment of their accomplishment. Prospective students are encouraged to visit the physical facilities of the school and to discuss personal educational and occupational plans with school personnel prior to enrolling or signing enrollment agreements.
Pregnancy
If a student should become pregnant, the Program Director must be notified immediately by the student. Students requiring a leave of absence for pregnancy related problems, delivery or other medical condition will be allowed to complete the program when they become physically able. Arrangements for reinstatement must be made within a 12-month period and approved by the Directors. Any student testing positive for, or who is knowledgeable of, a communicable disease is required to disclose such information to the School. The information will be kept confidential; however, the student must understand that his/her condition may affect clinical activities when other persons (students, faculty, staff, and/or patients) are put at risk.

Student Conduct
Students shall conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner at all times. No profanity in the patient care areas or in the campus or classroom environments is tolerated. Insubordination to faculty and clinical instructors, or dishonesty, could be a reason for immediate expulsion from the program.

All students are expected to respect the rights of others and are held responsible for conforming to the laws of the national, state and local governments, and for conducting themselves in a manner consistent with the best interests of SUI and of the student body. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute reserves the right to expel a student for any of the following reasons: failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress, failure to pay academy fees and/or tuition by applicable deadlines, disruptive behavior, posing a danger to the health or welfare of students or other members of the SUI's community, or failure to comply with the policies and procedures of the Sacramento Ultrasound Institute. Any unpaid balance for tuition, fees and supplies becomes due and payable immediately upon a student's expulsion from the academy.

Student Dress Code
Students must wear the uniform designated by the College, which is typical of the apparel required in the career for which the student is training. Students must dress in a neat, clean, and professional manner every day. Violation of the dress code may result in being sent home.

Smoking
Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the school facilities or building. Please smoke outside the building in the designated areas.

Full Time Student Status
Programs offered by Sacramento Ultrasound Institute are considered as full time programs; therefore, students enrolled in a program offered by Sacramento Ultrasound Institute are considered full time status.
Academic Honesty Policy

Academic honesty is expected of all students. It is the ethical behavior that includes producing their own work and not representing others' work as their own, either by plagiarism, by cheating, or by helping others to do so. Plagiarism is the failure to give credit for the use of material from outside sources. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

- Using data, quotations, or paraphrases from other sources without adequate documentation
- Submitting others' work as your own
- Exhibiting other behaviors generally considered unethical

Cheating means obtaining answers/material from an outside source without authorization. Cheating includes, but not limited to:

- Plagiarizing in all forms
- Using notes/books without authorization
- Copying
- Falsifying data
- Exhibiting other behaviors considered unethical

Administration of Examination

All electronic devices must be turned completely off during the administration of all forms of evaluation and displayed within the instructor’s view. All non-electronic personal belongings will be stored out of all class members’ view by storing belongings under the chair and/or desk. There will be no talking or questions during the administration of evaluations. Forms of evaluation include but are not limited to: quizzes, tests, and examinations. Students who are not in compliance with this policy are subject to disciplinary probation or expulsion at the discretion of the academy administration.
Conviction for possession or sale of illegal drugs

A Federal or state drug conviction can disqualify a student for FSA funds. The student self-certifies in applying for aid that he/she is eligible for by using the FAFSA. The School is not required to confirm this unless there is evidence of conflicting information. The chart below illustrates the period of ineligibility for FSA funds, depending on whether the conviction was for sale or possession and whether the student had previous offenses. (A conviction for the sale of drugs includes conviction for conspiring to sell drugs)

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- If a student was convicted of both possessing and selling illegal drugs, and the periods of ineligibility are different the student will be ineligible for the longer period

- A student regains eligibility the day after the period of ineligible ends or when he/she successfully completes a qualified drug rehabilitation program. Further drug conviction will make him/her ineligible again.

- When a student regains eligibility during the award year, the institute may award Pell and/or Loan for the current payment period.

- A qualified drug rehabilitation program must include at least two unannounced drug tests and must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:
  - Be qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly from a federal, state or local government program.
  - Be qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a federally or state-licensed insurance company.
  - Be administered or recognized by federal, state or local government agency or court.
  - Be administered or recognized by a federally or state-licensed hospital, health clinic or medical doctor.

Upon receipt of all required documents and in good order, the prospective student is eligible to enroll in the school. When all admissions criteria and requirements are met, the prospective student is give the date of the next class. The first day of class will include financial and academic orientation.

Changing Programs

At times, a student may wish to change their career goals. The institution reserves the right to allow or disallow a transfer from one program to another offered at this institution. In the event, the students will either resign a contract or a contract addendum. The student will still be charged for the prior program and will be charged for the new program. The student must first notify the admissions office, financial assistance officer, and student services department prior to changing.
Non-Discrimination
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is committed to providing equal opportunities to all applicants. No discrimination shall occur in any program or activity, including activities related to the solicitation of students or employees on the basis of race, color, religion, religious beliefs, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy, age, disability, veteran's status, or any other classification that precludes a person from consideration as an individual. Please direct inquiries regarding this policy, if any, to the Assistant Director who is assigned the responsibility for assuring that this policy is followed. Employees may refer to Sacramento Ultrasound Institute's Employee Handbook for more details.

Sexual Harassment
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is committed to providing a work environment that is free of discrimination, intimidation and harassment. In keeping with this commitment we believe that it is necessary to affirmatively address this subject and express our strong disapproval of sexual harassment. No associate within SUI may engage in verbal abuse of a sexual nature; use sexually degrading or graphic words to describe an individual or an individual's body; or display sexually suggestive objects or pictures at any campus. Students are responsible for conducting themselves in a manner consistent with the spirit and intent of this policy.

Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute believes that all individuals, including students, employees, and applicants are entitled to a safe, equitable, and harassment-free experience. Bullying and harassment will not be tolerated and shall be just cause for disciplinary action and/or law enforcement intervention. “Bullying” and “harassment” are defined as a pattern of aggressive, intentional or deliberately hostile behavior that occurs repeatedly and over time. These behaviors normally fall into three categories, physical, emotional, and verbal, and may include, but are not limited to, intimidation, assault; extortion; oral or written threats; teasing; put-downs; name-calling; threatening looks; gestures, or actions; rumors; false accusations; hazing, social isolation, and cyber-bullying. Such behavior is considered bullying or harassment whether it takes place on or off SUI property. Any student, employee, or applicant who believes he or she has been or is currently the victim of bullying or harassment should immediately report the situation to an administrator or another trusted employee of the institution who will be responsible for reporting it to the appropriate authority. Reported incidents will be investigated promptly and thoroughly by SUI’s administration. Advising, corrective discipline, and/or referral to law enforcement will be used to change the behavior of the perpetrator and remediate the impact on the victim. This includes appropriate intervention(s), restoration of a positive climate, and support for victims and others impacted by the violation. False reports or retaliation for harassment, intimidation or bullying also constitutes violations of this policy.
Sex Offender Registry
In accordance to the “Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act” of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, the Jeanne Clery Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Sacramento Ultrasound Institute is providing a link to the National Sex Offender Registry. This act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a State to provide notice to each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries a vocation, or is a student.
The California Department of Justice’s Internet website, which lists designated, registered sex offenders in California: http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy
All students must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress (SAP) towards completing their program of study by meeting Sacramento Ultrasound’s established standards. SAP is a measure of students’ qualitative and quantitative progress as defined below. Evaluation takes place every 250 scheduled clock hours. If a student falls below the quantitative and/or qualitative requirements at any review point during their enrollment, the defined steps below will be needed to be followed in order to meet the requirements of graduation.
Qualitative Evaluation: Students are expected to maintain a minimum 70% grade average.
Quantitative Evaluation: Students are expected to complete their program in 150 percent of the time frame established for completion. Therefore, at each evaluation period the student is expected to have attendance 85% and above.

Academic Warning & Probation
SAP evaluations are conducted every 250 scheduled course hours. The evaluation will determine whether the student is meeting the both the attendance (85%) and overall grade (70%). If a student is below either of the thresholds, he/she will be placed on warning until the next evaluation period (250 hours). The student will be removed from warning and returned to regular status if they meet or exceed the minimum standards, or will be placed on Probation if they continue to fall below the specified values at the time of the third SAP evaluation. A student who raises their CGPA at or above the 70% grade and 85% attendance threshold will be removed from probation and returned to regular status. If student does not meet the minimum requirements at the time of the third evaluation, the student will be dismissed from school.

Suspension & Dismissal
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any student whose attendance, professional conduct, or academic performance which does not meet the school’s standards and/or who fails to abide by the rules and regulations. Any student who has been suspended or dismissed may appeal the action by following the student appeal procedures outlined in this catalog.
**Academic Dismissal Appeal**

A student who has been academically dismissed may appeal the determination if special or mitigating circumstances exist. Any appeal must be in writing and must be submitted to the Academic Review Committee within 10 days of receiving notification of his/her dismissal. The student should explain what type of circumstances to the academic problem and what plans the student has to eliminate those potential problems in the future. The decision of the Committee is final and may not be further appealed.

**Reinstatement from Academic Dismissal**

A prior student requesting to be reinstated as an active student, based on whatever reasons or circumstances, should do so in writing. Any student, who has dropped out of the program, may be readmitted within one year by completing a personal interview with the school director and paying all fees due at the time of readmission. Supportive documentation and/or information concerning any mitigating circumstances should be noted in the request. The requesting prior student shall be notified of the Reinstatement Review within 5 days following the decision of School Director. Program requirements at the time of re-admittance shall be applicable.

**Student Services**

**Employment Assistance**

Sacramento Ultrasound Institute provides job search assistance to graduates in good standing. SUI cannot and does not guarantee employment upon graduation. The student must agree to cooperate with our Career Services Coordinators in conducting a job search including providing a resume, participating in scheduled workshops, attending interviews and completing all required assignments.

This specific instruction is designed to give you that edge in successfully gaining the employment you are training for. Instruction may include areas such as:

- Proper Grooming for Successful Interviews
- Resume writing
- Successful Interviewing Techniques
- Mock Interviews
- Employment applications

Instruction through Career development leads many students to eye opening approaches to job searching and ultimately, successful employment.
Finding employment is a joint effort between the student and the college. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute acts as a liaison between the graduate and the employment community. Information on job search techniques is provided to soon-to-graduate students and graduates based on current needs of local businesses and industries. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute’s programs are comprehensive in nature and are designed to prepare students for entry-level positions. The student will be prepared to more fully use the specialized training offered by many companies to new employees. Also, opportunities for career advancement will be greater due to the wide scope of knowledge each graduate will gain from SUI’s training programs and their business adaptation. A successful job search is dependent upon a self-confident, well-prepared applicant with a pre-planned strategy. The Placement Assistance Coordinator helps graduates develop and/or locate positions which best match the student’s capabilities and experiences. It should be understood that the effort it takes to find a job upon completion of the program is equal to that of the program itself. In order to maximize chances for success, students must commit to a reasonable time frame to complete the job search process, which typically takes several months beyond graduation. During this time, the student should maintain regular weekly contact with the school. It should also be understood that a potential employer may consider a job applicant’s attitude, grades, attendance, and personal performance on an interview, work background, educational background and other intangible factors in determining whether or not to hire the applicant. The Placement Assistance Coordinator is always available to assist in future years when Sacramento Ultrasound Institute, Alumnus contemplates a change in employment. Only graduates of Sacramento Ultrasound Institute are eligible for placement assistance from SUI Training. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute does not offer employment as an incentive to enrollment.

**Student Identification Card**
Within the first week of the program, students will receive a student identification card through the Assistant Director. If a replacement identification card is required for any reason the student is responsible for all applicable fees. It is required for all students to wear their Student Identification Card while in a classroom/clinical setting at all times. Failure to wear identification could impact the student's ability to attend the clinical facilities, to complete the program’s graduation requirements, or to obtain certification after completion of the program.

**Academic Advisement**
The staff of Sacramento Ultrasound Institute makes every effort to maintain close communication with its students. Students have access to faculty and administrative staff for financial assistance, vocational and academic advising. Students experiencing personal problems, which require professional counseling and is requested by the students, will be referred to the appropriate agencies.
Orientation of New Students
Orientation is conducted prior to the beginning of each program as a means of introducing new students to Sacramento Ultrasound Institute. During this orientation, members of the administration familiarize students with the Academy facilities and explain academic policies and Academy regulations.

Tutor Locator Service
Students who experience difficulty or who have learning challenges will be introduced to a graduate that can offer free tutoring during non-class hours. Interested students should contact the Program Director. Individual tutoring can be arranged by the program director to help struggling students to catch up with the program and to improve academic progress.

School Performance Fact Sheet
As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement. The School Performance Fact Sheet is also available in PDF format located at www.sonosui.com

Library Resources
Library resources include but are not limited to on-campus computers with internet access, video tapes, CDs and DVDs as well as current magazine publications and medical books. On campus library resources are available for the student use at each campus. Students may access the library Monday thru Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Housing
Sacramento Ultrasound Institute provides no assistance to find housing, and has no dormitory facilities under its control.

Computer and Internet Resources
Computer and Internet Resources are available for students use at Sacramento Ultrasound Institute. Students have access to equipment and programs that are essential for their educational and work-related experiences.
SIMTICS
Virtual reality cognitive simulation from SIMTICS offers an effective solution for learning complex procedures, and is especially powerful when embedded into an overall training curriculum. Using a standard personal computer with a web browser, SIMTICS Healthcare™ delivers expert, interactive online training for students and professionals. The unique SIMTICS simulator allows trainees to learn procedures anytime, anywhere, in a safe environment. It is available in two modes: Learn Mode provides guidance to the user, and Test Mode checks proficiency in performing the procedure. The simulator is supported by rich text, 3D anatomy, and video, bringing complex clinical procedures to life in a real-time three-dimensional environment. Quizzes check theoretical knowledge that cannot be tested in the simulator. A personal log book tracks the trainee's complete learning history with scores, time taken, and errors made, which can all be used to assess competency. The learning resource platform is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It provides students with:

- Sacramento Ultrasound Institute’s online library and web based resources.
- Email, forums, chat rooms, and threaded conversations
- Text and course materials
- Instructor PowerPoint slides and/or study notes published by the instructor.
- Access to course syllabi and assignments

Online Learning Portal
The online learning portal is available to students for the idea sharing, communication between faculty and students, quizzes and research exchange, email communications, grades and attendance verification and review.

TRAJECSYS
The Trajecsys system is an online clinical management and tracking system for students of the sonography program. The program/clinical coordinator will utilize the system to oversee the student’s time records, monitor the student’s didactic/clinical progress, evaluate the student’s clinical performance, and communicate with clinical supervisors.

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