

Sacramento Ultrasound Institute (“the College”) is institutionally accredited by ABHES. The Diagnostic Medical Sonography (“DMS”) programs at the College is not accredited by Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (“CAAHEP”). This means that graduates of the College’s DMS(A) programs are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to sit for the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (“ARDMS”) exam immediately upon graduation from the DMS(A) programs. Graduates of the DMS(A) programs who have already attained a Bachelor’s degree (any major) may be eligible to sit for the ARDMS exam immediately upon graduation. Graduates of the DMSA programs who have an Associate degree in Applied Health Sciences may be eligible to sit for ARDMS exam upon successful program completion.

The only means of obtaining an ARDMS credential is by examination. All required prerequisites must be met before an individual is eligible to sit for the ARDMS exam.

**Please note that the ARDMS prerequisites are subject to change at any time without notice. The College does not control the ARDMS prerequisites, the exam or determine eligibility. As such, any inquiries should be directed to the ARDMS which can be reached toll-free at 1-800-541-9754 or [www.ARDMS.org](http://www.ARDMS.org).**

**YOU CAN OBTAIN A COPY OF ALL OF THE ARDMS PREREQUISITES BY CONTACTING THE ARDMS, AND THE PREREQUISITES ARE ALSO READILY AVAILABLE ON THE ARDMS’ WEBSITE AT [www.ARDMS.org](http://www.ARDMS.org).**

### **ARDMS EXAMINATION PREREQUISITES**

[See [www.ARDMS.org](http://www.ARDMS.org) for current prerequisites]

Most of the College’s graduates who decide to sit for the ARDMS exam will fall under the ARDMS “**Prerequisite 1**” which contains the following requirements:

#### **a. Education**

A single two-year allied health education program that is patient-care related.<sup>1</sup> Allied health occupations include, but are not limited to, diagnostic medical sonographer, radiologic technologist, respiratory therapist, occupational therapist, physical therapist and registered nurse. Successful completion of and graduation from the DMS program at the College satisfies *this requirement*;

<sup>1</sup> The ARDMS defines a two-year allied health education program that is patient-care related as (1) 24 full-time consecutive calendar months; or (2) 60-semester credits; or (3) 84 quarter credits; (4) and requiring a clinical internship/externship to complete the program.

AND

**b. Required Clinical Ultrasound/Vascular Experience**

*Twelve (12) months of full-time clinical ultrasound/vascular experience earned outside the two-year program. This means that graduates of the College’s DMS 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 for approximately 24 months. **Please note that the College’s DMS program required clinical rotation do not count towards the employment after graduation to meet this ARDMS eligibility prerequisite.***

**THE ARDMS CREDENTIAL**

**SPI examination**

*To receive a credential from the ARDMS, an applicant must sit for and pass the Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (“SPI” or “Physics”) Examination **and** a specialty examination administered by ARDMS. The only means of obtaining an ARDMS credential is by examination. Required **prerequisites must be met** before an applicant can earn an ARDMS credential. Sonography professionals wanting to earn an ARDMS credential are required to pass both the SPI examination and a corresponding specialty within five years.*

**BEING A REGISTERED DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHER BY THE ARDMS IS NOT CURRENTLY A REQUIREMENT TO WORK IN THE ULTRASOUND FIELD IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. HOWEVER, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND SALARY MAY BE LIMITED WITHOUT THE ARDMS REGISTRY.**

**By signing below, the undersigned acknowledges reading, understanding, and acceptance of all statements made in the disclosure.**

PRINT NAME:	PRINT NAME:
STUDENT SIGNATURE:	ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:
DATE SIGNED:	DATE SIGNED: