

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

## ADMISSIONS

### *Q. Where do I start?*

A. The first step for the enrollment to our programs starts with requesting information on our website and attending a program-specific information session.

### *Q. What do I need to bring to the Information Session?*

Come with an open mind to learn and ask questions. During the hour-long Information Session, we discuss in-depth program-related questions including, enrollment process, program structure, tuition, schedule, and externship.

### *Q. Where do I get the Application for the program?*

A. After attending the Information Session, you can request the desired program Application Packet by e-mail [admissions@sui.edu](mailto:admissions@sui.edu). The packet will include detailed instructions for the next steps in the enrollment process.

### *Q. Do I need to take any entrance exams to get into the program?*

A. Yes. One of the application requirements is to take the Wonderlic test. The test has 50 multiple choice questions on Math and English and is 12 minutes long. It can be taken only at school. The passing score is 20+. You have 3 tries, and they must be a minimum of 7 days apart. We advise taking your time to prepare for the test as you gather the required paperwork. You may do an online search for practice tests.

### *Q. What is the minimum Admissions' requirements to get into the program?*

A. Please visit the [Admissions](#) section to learn more.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### *Q. What are the program admissions requirements for the DMS 18-month or DMSA 24-month program?*

A. Associates or Bachelor's Degree (Any Field). Bachelor's Degree preferred.

### *Q. What are the program prerequisite requirements for the DMS 18-month or DMSA 24-month programs?*

A. None.

*Q. What is the difference between DMS 18-month and DMSA 24-month programs?*

A. DMS 18-month program covers Abdomen & Small Parts, Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Arterial/Vascular sonography. DMSA 24-month program in addition to Abdomen & Small Parts, Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Arterial/Vascular sonography, also covers Echocardiography.

*Q. Can I transfer General Ed courses from other colleges to this program?*

A. Yes. You may transfer college-level Anatomy, Physiology, and Medical Terminology courses towards either program. The courses must be taken within 5 (five) years from the time of the application and earned a minimum of C grade.

*Q. Which program is right for me?*

A. We encourage to do extensive research on all modalities to find out for yourself if there is a field you show stronger curiosity for. We also organize course observations at SUI to give you an opportunity to speak with the instructors or students to gain more information. Other aspects to consider are the length and cost of the programs.

*Q. Can I start the DMS(A) Program before I finish my Associates/Bachelor's degree if there is an overlap in timing?*

A. You can apply for either program with a letter from an Academic Advisor stating the estimated graduation date. The degree must be awarded prior to the program start.

## PROGRAM

*Q. Is your program accredited?*

A. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute (SUI) is *institutionally* accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) since August 2015.

*Q. Will I be eligible to take the ARDMS exam upon program completion?*

A. Students with a Bachelor's degree are eligible to sit for the exam upon program completion (Prerequisite 3A). Students with Associates degree in Allied Health are also eligible to sit for the registry exam (Prerequisite 1). Students with Associates degree other than Allied Health will have the option of taking the [ARRT](#) exam, which will serve as a prerequisite for the ARDMS registry exam (Prerequisite 5).

To learn more about the ARDMS registry prerequisites, please read the [ARDMS disclosure](#) and go to [ARDMS.org](#) or click the link [here](#).

*Q. What are the school hours?*

A. The school is open Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Q. Is there a night or online classes available?*

A. Currently, all classes are held on campus Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM until 2:30 PM.

*Q. What's the length and the cost of your program?*

A. Please visit our [DMS 18-month](#) program page or [DMSA 24-month](#) program page for a program description, length, and the cost breakdown.

## EXTERNSHIP

*Q. How does the clinical portion of the program work?*

A. The Clinical Experience course is scheduled after the completion of the Didactic portion of the program. The student must successfully pass the Exit Exam, the SPI test prior to clinical site placement. Read more about the SPI test [here](#). The schedule during the externship is determined by the clinical site supervisor.

## TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available for those who qualify. Sacramento Ultrasound Institute participates in various federal student financial assistance programs. Please see the [Financial Aid](#) section for more information. Admissions will provide basic information regarding the tuition cost breakdown, anticipated monthly payments, and possible credits towards the program. We advise completing FAFSA application for the 2019-2020 year by visiting [FAFSA.ED.GOV](#) and allow at least 3 business days prior to contacting SUI Financial Department. Our school code is **042537**.