



BELLEVUE
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Diagnostic Ultrasound Technology Program

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Section IV

FAQ

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FAQ's

- How Many Students are admitted each year?
 - We have approximately 100 qualified applicants each year, and between 15 and 20 (number depends upon number of clinical internship sites confirmed each year)
- Do I have to complete all of the prerequisite courses before I apply?
 - ALL prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of WINTER quarter/SPRING semester the year you apply.

FAQ's continued

- Are male sonographers limited in their ability to get jobs as a sonographer?
 - Male Sonographers comprise 20-30% of the typical Bellevue College graduating class each year.
 - Bellevue Graduates have been successful in their clinical internship and gained employment in their chosen clinical specialty.
 - Chaperones and other professional accommodations for patient privacy are integrated into the workplace as needed.

FAQ's continued

- How are the clinical internship sites assigned?
 - By clinical specialty first, and consideration is given to the student learning style and clinical internship teaching environment.
 - We have only one intern assigned per clinical site, and there is a rotation after the first 6 months to a new site for the second half of the internship.
 - Geographic preference is considered, although it is not the dominant factor in the decision.
 - All clinical internship site assignments are determined by the Clinical Coordinator in collaboration with the Program Chair.

FAQ's continued

- Can I do both cardiac and general sonography?
 - Although our program is a “dual concentration”, each student chooses ONE specialty (cardiac or general sonography) at the end of winter quarter of the first year.
 - Clinical internships are designed so that each student receives a full year in their specialty, preparing them for entry level jobs upon graduation.
 - Most clinical specialties are separated into cardiac and general labs and do not mix in places of employment.

FAQ's continued

- What if I want to do “vascular” ultrasound?
 - BC is not accredited to offer a degree for the vascular specialty.
 - An introduction to vascular sonography, and applications specific to cardiac and general concentrations are included.
 - Vascular credentials may be earned after graduation with continuing education classes and clinical experience as an employee.

FAQ's continued

- How many people apply each year?
 - Approximately 100
- How many are re-applicants?
 - Approximately 35% each year are re-applicants
- Do I have to have health care experience to apply?
 - Although health care experience (medical, dental, chiropractic care, massage therapy, optometry etc.) is very helpful, it is not required.

FAQ's

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- Is there a waiting list to get into the program?
 - No. We do not have a waiting list.
 - Each year there is a new pool of applicants comprised of first time and re-applicants.
- Is the program offered part time or evenings?
 - The program is full time only, with most classes offered M-F during the day.
- Will I be able to work while I am in the program?
 - We do not recommend that students work during the program so they can focus on their education, stay rested and be flexible as needed with class schedules and program activities. However, many students do maintain some part time work hours for financial reasons.

Volunteer Experience

- How many hours do I have to have as a volunteer to get points?
 - Most formal volunteer programs in health care settings ask for a 3-6 month commitment., however we do not have a minimum number of hours required.