

Bellevue Community College  
Diagnostic Ultrasound Technology Program  
Application for Admission – 2009  
Personal Statement Video

## **Introduction**

Thank you for submitting an application for admission to the Diagnostic Ultrasound Technology Program at Bellevue Community College. We are looking forward to reviewing your application, and want you to have the opportunity to introduce yourself to us by answering a few questions recorded on a video.

Each year we review over 100 applications that meet the minimum criteria and qualifications for admission. Choosing applicants that are most prepared to enter the program, and a patient care / clinical environment is an important part of the selection process.

This video taped statement will give our selection committee the chance to hear from you, personally, about your understanding of the role of the Sonographer, clinical specialty areas of diagnostic medical Sonography, and how you have become familiar with the health care environment.

Each applicant will submit a video statement with their completed application. After each video and application is reviewed, the selection committee will invite the top 30 applicants for a personal interview on campus. From this pool of applicants, the class to start in the fall of 2009 will be selected.

### **Instructions:**

**Send TWO copies of your recorded personal statement.**

**All video recordings must be submitted on a DVD (disc must be compatible with a PC or standard DVD player), in a hard case, labeled with the following information:**

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Phone#:**

**All DVD's must be submitted with the other paperwork required for the application. All DVD's will be kept as a part of your application file, and kept in a confidential file. DVD's will not be returned.**

**Please test the playback and audio quality on your DVD before sending it in with your application. Blank or malfunctioning DVD's may disqualify your application.**

**No VHS video cassettes will be accepted.**

**No digital tapes will be accepted.**

## **Video Recording of your Personal Statement**

**Maximum time for recording : 10 minutes**

**Audio must be clear.**

### **Step 1**

**Make a name plate by typing your first and last name using a larger font that can be read by the viewer.**

### **Step 2**

**Hold the name plate up in front of you at the level of your shoulders, and record for 5 seconds – Stop the recording. (This will identify you on your disc)**

### **Step 3**

**Prepare your statement in response to the following questions.**

- **What interests you the most about becoming a Sonographer?**
- **What health care, patient care or medical experience have you had that prepares you for this program?**
  - **Volunteer**
  - **Employment**
  - **Job Shadow (cardiac, general, vascular specialties identified)**
  - **Other**
- **Describe a stressful situation you have experienced at work, or in a social situation, and describe the way you handled the situation.**  
**OR**  
**Tell us about a situation in the health care environment (a personal experience, or one you observed) that was stressful, uncomfortable. Describe the events, how it was handled and what you learned from that experience.**
- **Describe your understanding of the clinical specialty areas of cardiac and general sonography. How they are similar, and how they might be different with respect to the role of the sonographer. Tell us how you learned about these clinical specialties.**
- **Close with a personal statement with some thoughts on what you believe to be the greatest challenges you will encounter as a sonographer.**

Video Recording Instructions using Bellevue Community College's  
Library Media Center – D126

The BCC Media Center (located in the main Library building on campus) is available to provide video recording services for the application video statement interview. There is an \$8.00 charge for this service plus additional \$2.00 fee for an extra copy. The Center will provide the student with a MiniDV camera and videotape. The finished recording is then dubbed to DVD, titled/labeled, and given to the applicant to submit with the application.

To avail of this service, students can call ahead, or drop in before March 13<sup>th</sup>. An appointment is needed after that date. This service is available only until March 31, 2009. Payment in cash or check (made payable to BCC) is due at the time of recording.

Any questions should first be directed **via email** to:

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Detailed information about the video recording services can be obtained by contacting  
Adam Burke  
BCC Library's Media Center D126  
(425) 564- 2001

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