

**College of Southern Nevada  
Summer 2026 Diagnostic Medical Sonography Selection Criteria**

As part of the eligibility criteria, you must complete a *mandatory Diagnostic Medical Sonography presentation and quiz*. Quiz results must be submitted with the program application before the deadline date. An 80% or higher on the quiz is required to apply and the quiz must be passed within two attempts. Quiz results do not have an expiration date. The presentation and quiz will be available through Canvas by emailing [Tracy.Lopez@csn.edu](mailto:Tracy.Lopez@csn.edu) with your full name & NSHE number.

Applicants for the limited entry program will be ranked and selected through a point system:

**CUMULATIVE GPA FOR ALL PROGRAM PREREQUISITES:**

(0.4 points for each fractional grade point average over 2.5 will be awarded)

<u>GPA</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Points</u>
2.6	0.4	3.1	2.4	3.6	4.4
2.7	0.8	3.2	2.8	3.7	4.8
2.8	1.2	3.3	3.2	3.8	5.2
2.9	1.6	3.4	3.6	3.9	5.6
3.0	2.0	3.5	4.0	4.0	6.0

**PROGRAM PREREQUISITES COMPLETED WITH A “B” OR ABOVE IN ONE (1) ATTEMPT:**

- MATH 116 or higher - except 122 & 123 (2 points)
- BIOL 223 (2 points)
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- PHYS 110 or any college physics with a lab (2 points)

\*Note: The maximum number of attempts for any Limited Entry Program Prerequisite course is three (3); however, points will not be awarded for a second or third attempt. A grade of B- is not acceptable for points.

**PURDUE PEGBOARD DEXTERITY TEST (8 points)**

**Part I**—Both Hands Total =

9 rows or less	= 0 points
10-12	= 1 point
13-15	= 2 points
16-18	= 3 points
19 and above	= 4 points

**Part II**—Assembly Total =

1 assembled product	= 0 points
2	= 1 point
3	= 2 points
4	= 3 points
5 and above	= 4 points

Each student will be allowed one attempt for each section of the test. Students are allowed 30 seconds per section to complete as many rows/complete four-piece assembled products as possible. Totals of Part I & II will be added to the overall points towards selection. Scores are valid within 12 months of the program’s deadline date. Registration information for the Purdue Pegboard Dexterity Test is available online at: [DMS Dexterity Test Instructions](#).

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**COMPLETION OF GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** (3 points)

Points will be awarded **ONLY** if **ALL** General Education requirements are completed with a “C” or better by the application deadline.

**EARN A HEALTHCARE CREDENTIAL:** (2 points)

**Credentialed Health Occupation** (EMT, CNA, Phlebotomist, etc.) A copy of the current credential, license, or registry must be supplied.

**HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE:**

Points will only be awarded for either previous medical field experience ***or*** volunteer work in the medical field. **Points cannot be combined from these two categories.**

**Paid Medical Field Experience:** (2 points)

**Health Care Work Experience** - at least 6 months within the last two years.

Documentation form completed by employer indicating work responsibilities and length of employment must be supplied. Clerical work will not meet the requirement. The Health Care Experience Documentation Form is available online at: <https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/documents/program-documents/diagnostic-medical-sonography-program/DMS-health-care-experience-form-2025.pdf>

**Volunteer Work in the Medical Field:** (1 point)

**Volunteer work in the medical field** - a minimum of 40 hours in the previous 12 months\*\*. Volunteer work must include some form of patient interaction (e.g., assist patients to/from exam room; take vital signs; assist nurses in patient transfers – from wheelchair to bed, etc.). **Clerical work will not meet the requirement.**

Note: Letter from the organization(s) where volunteer work was performed must specifically include the following:

- On letterhead
- Date letter was written
- Student’s name
- Location of volunteer work
- Date volunteer work began and ended
- Number of volunteer hours completed
- Specific job duties
- Supervisor’s contact information
- Supervisor’s signature

\*\*The application deadline date for materials is used as the reference point for time frames.

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**ATI TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS):**

(Point(s) for selection will be based on the **Adjusted Individual Total Score**).

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: TEAS COMPONENTS WITH MINIMUM CUT-OFF SCORES IN ORDER TO QUALIFY**

TO APPLY:

AREA OF TESTING	MINIMUM CUT-OFF SCORE	SCORE RANGE	POINTS
READING	80%	71-77%	1 point
MATH	60%	78-84%	2 points
ENGLISH	60%	85-90%	3 points
SCIENCE	60%	91% and higher	4 points

- Applicants who fail to establish the minimum cut-off score in **each** area will be required to re-take the **entire** exam. Each test is considered a combined complete entity. There will be NO combination of scores from separate tests.
- Applicants have unlimited attempts to take & pass the TEAS exam with no minimum waiting period in between TEAS attempts.
- The application deadline date for application materials is used as the reference point for time frames.
- **Note: Students who have taken the TEAS exam from another state and/or institution must have all their scores officially transferred to CSN before their specified application deadline date. An unofficial copy of the TEAS score must also be presented with the application prior to the deadline date.**  
<https://www.atitesting.com/teas/transcript>
- **TEAS scores are valid for (5) years and MUST be current at the time of the application deadline.**
- The **TEAS Registration Information** is available online at: <https://www.csn.edu/csn-teas>

**Previous Graduate:** (5 points)

- Points will be awarded to an applicant who has previously graduated from either the general vascular or cardiac vascular tracks of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at the College of Southern Nevada.
- Points can also be given to a currently enrolled student of either track of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at the College of Southern Nevada with an anticipated graduation date that falls prior to the start of the program they are applying for. The current program director will provide an exception memo verifying their enrollment status and anticipated graduation date. These points are contingent upon graduation. Should the learner fail to graduate then their acceptance into the program will be reevaluated.