

# GTCC Medical Sonography Fall 2025 Entry

### Associate in Applied Science - 75 Credit Hours **High Point Campus**

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program has a selective admissions process with a limited enrollment of 16 students each fall. MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY program enrollment capacity is limited, based on the number of clinical sites available. This packet will outline minimum criteria, program coursework, and the application/selection process. Before applying, it is recommended to review the Technical Standards and Essential Functions required for the program. Reading these standards carefully along with conducting a realistic assessment of your own personality, interests, abilities, strengths, and weaknesses will ensure that you choose a program and career path that is the best fit for you.

Please read the contents of this packet carefully and in its entirety as some requirements are time sensitive. Application Deadline extended to May 30, 2025

### PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- √ Complete the GTCC General Admission/Readmission Process (new and returning students).
  - o Students currently enrolled at GTCC do not need to complete a new application for admission. These students will begin with the remaining steps and make sure the NC Residency is current.
  - See page 2 and 3 for details on this requirement.
  - o It is <u>highly recommended</u> to have this step completed by May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Complete the REQUIRED online Program Information Session by May 30th.
  - See page 3 for instructions for accessing the session.
  - Sessions completed for previous admission cycles are NOT acceptable.
- ✓ Demonstrate "college readiness" for English.
  - See page 4 to view options for meeting this requirement.
- ✓ Complete the following PREREQUISITE general education courses with a grade of "C" or higher:
  - BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I (completed 2015 or later)
  - MATH 143 Quantitative Literacy
- √ Complete the ATI TEAS exam and achieve a minimum composite score of 66.
  - Accepting ATI TEAS exam scores from **VERSION 7** only.
  - Prior versions of the TEAS will not be accepted
  - See page 4 for information on scheduling an exam
- ✓ Submit the Fall 2025 Medical Sonography Program Application
  - Program applications can be submitted April 7th through May 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - See page 4 for details on program application submissions

Note: Meeting all criteria listed does not guarantee acceptance to the program. However, all criteria must be met to apply and be considered for selection.

### **PROGRAM CURRICULUM OUTLINE**

<b>General Education Courses</b> These courses may be taken prior to applying to the program to lighten the academic load and for the awarding of ranking points.				
BIO 168	Anatomy & Physiology I (completed 2015 or later)	4 credits		
BIO 169	Anatomy & Physiology II (completed 2015 or later)	4 credits		
ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry	3 credits		
PSY 150 <b>or</b> SOC 210	General Psychology or Introduction to Sociology	3 credits		
COM 120 or COM 140	Intro Interpersonal Communication or Intro Intercultural Communication	3 credits		
HUMANITIES/FINE	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective: Select from <u>Humanities Fine Arts</u>	3 credits		
ARTS ELECTIVE	(HUM 115 or HUM 120 Preferred)			
	Total General Education Credits:	23 credits		

Medical Sonography Program Courses					
These courses are taken once accepted to the program.					
Fall 2025					
SON 110	Intro to Sonography	3 credits			
SON 111	Sonographic Physics	4 credits			
SON 112	Sonographic Terminology	1 credit			
SON 130	Abdominal Sonography I	3 credits			
SON 222	Selected SON Clinical Education	2 credits			
Spring 2026					
SON 131	Abdominal Sonography II	2 credits			
SON 140	Gynecological Sonography	2 credits			
SON 241	Obstetrical Sonography I	2 credits			
SON 120	SON Clinical Education I	5 credits			
Summer 2026					
SON 242	Obstetrical Sonography II	2 credits			
SON 121	SON Clinical Education II	5 credits			
Fall 2026					
SON 250	Vascular Sonography	2 credits			
SON 220	SON Clinical Education III	8 credits			
Spring 2027					
SON 221	SON Clinical Education IV	8 credits			
SON 225	Case Studies	1 credit			
SON 289	Sonographic Topics	2 credits			
	Total Program Course Credits:	52 credits			
	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE:	75 credits			

## LIMITED ENTRY ADMISSION PROCESS – GTCC HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS MEET PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### <u>Complete the GTCC General Admission Process (New and Returning Students)</u>

- New and returning GTCC students must complete the GTCC general admission, including the North Carolina Residency Determination Service (RDS). To get started, visit <a href="https://www.gtcc.edu/admissions-and-aid/apply-now.php">https://www.gtcc.edu/admissions-and-aid/apply-now.php</a>
  - Returning students= students previously admitted to GTCC and have not been enrolled in courses for more than
     12 months
- Submit your official transcripts to the GTCC Admissions Office by email at transcripts@gtcc.edu. Once received, transcripts are evaluated by GTCC's Admissions staff. Approved transfer credits will be added to your academic record as appropriate. Note: the applicant is responsible for ensuring all official transcripts have been received by GTCC's Admissions Department. Please visit <a href="https://transcripts.gtcc.edu/to verify that your transcripts have been received.">https://transcripts.gtcc.edu/to verify that your transcripts have been received.</a>)
  - <u>Please allow a minimum of TWO WEEKS for evaluation to occur.</u> This process takes longer near the beginning
    or end of a semester. Transfer credits from an Institutionally Accredited College or University must appear on
    your GTCC Student Planning transcript in order to be considered for meeting program requirements and/or
    earning ranking points.
- Activate your GTCC Titan Account. You can do this within 48 hours of completing your GTCC Application.

**Need help with this requirement?** For assistance with any part of the general admission process, you can contact the Admissions office at 336-334-4822, ext. 31125 or email admissions@gtcc.edu.

### Complete the Required Online Program Information Session by 5pm, May 30th

Information Sessions completed for previous application cycles are not acceptable for purposes of meeting this requirement!

This session will provide you with a detailed overview of the program, faculty and student expectations, class schedules and clinical requirements, the minimum program admission requirements, submitting your program application, and the selection and notification process for the incoming class.

- You must have an activated Titan account to access the information session.
- Enroll yourself in the Medical Sonography (Fall Start): Limited Entry Program Information Session course
- You must pass the information session with a score of 100% to receive credit for completing this task. Access to the module will close at 5pm on May 30th!

### **Demonstrate College Readiness for English**

You must demonstrate that you have achieved the appropriate levels of college readiness based on one of the options in the chart below.

# COLLEGE ENGLISH READINESS ☐ Option 1: You have completed or received transfer credit for ENG 111. ☐ Option 2: You have completed or received waiver credit for all of the following: DRE 096, DRE 097, DRE 098 ☐ Option 3: You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 002 with a minimum grade of P2 ☐ Option 4: You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 011 ☐ Option 5: An earned Associate or Bachelor's degree from an Institutionally Accredited College or University ☐ Option 6: Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores. If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to GTCC Admissions! ☐ Option 7: Graduate of a US high school within the last 10 years, with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher

### Complete the Prerequisite Courses (BIO 168 & MAT 143 or higher-level Math) with a "C" or better

These courses must reflect what is in your unofficial transcript in Student Planning. All science courses must be completed within the past 10 years (since 2015).

### Complete the ATI TEAS Exam (version 7) and Achieve a Minimum Composite Score of 66

You may schedule your ATI TEAS exam through the GTCC Assessment Center or an ATI-approved testing center. **Your ATI TEAS exam scores must be VERSION 7 only.** 

To schedule an exam with the GTCC Assessment Center, visit https://www2.registerblast.com/gtcc/Exam/List.

- For questions related to scheduling the exam at GTCC, please contact the Assessment Center (testingcenter@gtcc.edu or 336-334-4822, ext. 50574).
- For more information about the exam, study materials, and other testing locations, visit <u>www.atitesting.com</u>.
- NOTE: Do not send exam scores to GTCC. You must upload a copy of your exam score to your program application.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If you are unsure whether you meet either of these requirements, it is YOUR responsibility to speak with a Limited Entry
Advisor for clarification PRIOR TO submitting your Program Application.

### SUBMITTING YOUR PROGRAM APPLICATION

### For Medical Sonography

Program Applications are accepted April 7, 2025, through 5pm on May 30, 2025.

Once you have completed all the Medical Sonography program admission requirements, submit your program application. This is completed electronically through the *Medical Sonography (Fall Start): Limited Entry Program Information Session* course in Canvas. Once you have completed the information session with a score of 100% the link for the application is accessed starting April 7, 2025.

- Only one submission is permitted for each applicant.
- You are required to upload a copy of your ATI TEAS exam score.
- If applicable, you may upload documentation of other ranking criteria.
- It is critical that you check your Student Planning transcript to make sure all coursework is accounted for, including transfer credits. Ranking points are only given for courses that are on record. You are responsible for ensuring all official transcripts have been submitted to Admissions and processed for transfer credits.
- Incomplete and/or ineligible applications are not moved forward to the Selection Committee.
- Program applications are not reviewed by the Limited Entry Programs Office until after the May 30th deadline.
   It is important to make sure all requirements are met BEFORE submitting your program application.

### PROGRAM APPLICANT SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

### **Ranking and Selection Process**

Two to three weeks following the May 30th deadline, all application submissions are screened by the Limited Entry Programs Office to confirm all minimum criteria have been met. All applicants are then notified via GTCC email if their submission is moved forward to the Selection Committee for the final ranking review.

Each applicant is notified via GTCC email of the results of the screening and next steps:

- Program applications meeting all Medical Sonography program admission requirements will move forward to the Selection Committee for the ranking review process.
- Applicants not meeting Medical Sonography program admission requirements will not move forward to the Selection
   Committee for ranking review. Applicants will be advised on requirements needed to apply for the next program entry.

The next 2-3 weeks following the initial screening, the Health Sciences Review Committee (comprised of Health Sciences Program Directors and faculty, Dean of Health Sciences, and Limited Entry Programs Office Staff) will review all eligible applications.

Applicants are ranked using a points system and are selected based on the total points earned (see below). Ties are decided based on the following criteria: 1) The total points earned in the "General Education Courses" ranking section; 2) The ATI TEAS exam composite score; and 3) The date of the Limited Entry Program Application for the program of interest.

### **CALCULATION OF POINTS FOR RANKING AND SELECTION**

(NOTE: Courses that have received "Pass/Fail" or "Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory" grades will be considered equivalent to a "C".)

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE DEGREE	Points Awarded
MAT 143 – Quantitative Literacy (or higher-level course)	A = 8; B = 4
BIO 168 - Anatomy & Physiology I (completed since 2015)	A = 8; B = 4
BIO 169 - Anatomy & Physiology II (completed since 2015)	A = 8; B = 4
BIO 168 – Anatomy & Physiology I <b>and</b> BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II <b>BOTH</b> completed 2015 or later with a grade "C" or higher will earn additional ranking points	4
ENG 111 - Writing & Inquiry	A = 4 B = 2
PSY 150 - General Psychology <b>or</b> SOC 210 - Introduction to Sociology	A = 4; B = 2
*COM 120 or COM 140 - Intro Interpersonal COM or Intro Intercultural COM (COM 110 or COM 231 may also be substituted)	A = 4; B = 2
**Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	
Select from: <u>Humanities Fine Arts</u> (HUM 115 or HUM 120 Preferred)	A = 4; B = 2

ADDITIONAL COURSES NOT REQUIRED FOR THE DEGREE	Points Awarded
*COM 120 Intro Interpersonal Communication or COM 140 Intro Intercultural Communication are preferred for the program. Additional points are awarded for completion of either of these courses with a grade of "B" or higher	2
** HUM 115 Critical Thinking or HUM 120 Cultural Studies are preferred for the program. Additional points are awarded for completion of either of these courses with a grade of "B" or higher	2
ACA Course (i.e., ACA 111, ACA 118, ACA 120, or ACA 122) with a grade of "B" or higher	1

AP (Advanced Placement) courses: applicants who earned AP credit for general education courses will earn ranking points based on the following criteria: AP score of 5 = grade of "A" AP score of 4 = grade of "B"

<u>College Board scores must be on file in the GTCC Admissions Office to earn AP course credit, and AP scores are valid for five years (from 2020)</u>.

OTHER RANKING CRITERIA	Points Awarded	
College-Level Programs: Points awarded for HIGHEST level completed – TRANSCRIPT MUST STATE DEGREE AWARDED OR CONFERRED & BE ON FILE IN ADMISSIONS!		
Completion of a Master's Degree or higher in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	6	
Completion of a Bachelor's Degree in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	4	
Completion of an Associate's Degree in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	3	
Completion of a Diploma in a <b>HEALTH-RELATED</b> field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	2	

MINIMUM 12 CREDIT HOURS Completed with a Cumulative Grade Point Average reflected on transcript from last institution attended within the past 24 months. TRANSCRIPT MUST BE ON FILE IN ADMISSIONS!	
4.0	5
3.5 – 3.99	4
3.0 – 3.49	3
*Current Health-Related Certification/Licensure (up to two separate items may be submitted) MUST DOCUMENTATION.	SUBMIT
Must be from an officially recognized regulatory body. May attach up to two separate CURRENT certifications/licensures for <b>one point each</b> and a <b>maximum</b> <u>total</u> <b>of two points</b> . <b>CPR/First Aid/BLS is NOT acceptable</b> . <b>Certificates of Completion are not accepted</b> .	1-2
TOTAL RANKING POINTS	Points Awarded
General Education Courses Required for the Degree	
Additional Courses Not Required for the Degree	
Other Ranking Criteria	
TOTAL RANKING POINTS EARNED:	

### **Notification Process**

Final results are sent electronically to the applicant's GTCC email address within approximately 4-6 weeks after the application deadline – it is the applicant's responsibility to check their GTCC email account frequently to avoid missing important communications from GTCC.

- Applicants offered a seat must accept or decline a program seat by submitting an Intent to Enroll Form within 5 calendar
  days of the date on the acceptance letter. Failure to respond within the stated time limit will result in the seat being offered to
  an alternate. Once a student declines a program position, the decision is not reversable.
- Applicants have 7 business days from the date of the notification letter to contest the results of the selection process. Any
  requests for a review of the results are submitted, in writing, to the Dean of Health Sciences, (Mr. David Frazee
  drfrazee@gtcc.edu). The Dean will render a decision within 7-10 business days of receipt of the written request. The Dean's
  decision is final.

### PROGRAM ORIENTATION, ADVISING/REGISTRATION, AND ENROLLMENT

Once a seat in a Medical Sonography program is accepted, the student then communicates with the Medical Sonography Program Director regarding all matters related to program orientation, advising/registration, and enrollment.

The student must attend all Medical Sonography program orientations, meetings, or other events scheduled before classes start. Failure to attend these meetings without prior approval from the Program Director results in removal from the program; an alternate student is then selected to fill the vacant position, as directed by the Program Director.

The student must enroll in Medical Sonography program classes prior to the first day of the semester. Failure to enroll without prior approval of the Program Director results in removal from the Medical Sonography program.

A student who enrolls in first-semester classes for the Medical Sonography program and withdraws from the program or is dropped from the program that semester must complete the entire program admission process if he/she wishes to apply for a future program entry.

The GTCC Health Sciences Limited Entry Process is not a contract between GTCC and students.

GTCC reserves the right to change any provisions or requirements with adequate notice and minimum disruption to students.

### **Important Notes to Health Science Program Applicants**

Program faculty reserves the right to revise or change course requirements in accordance with applicable state laws, college requirements, accreditation standards, and/or at the faculty's discretion. By accepting admission into the Medical Sonography program, students agree to always abide by the Medical Sonography program requirements and procedures as set forth in the Student Handbook and the respective course syllabus issued at the beginning of each term. The student is bound by such requirements and procedures regardless of whether they were established before or after the date of enrollment in the Medical Sonography program. Changes made after the Handbook's publication are posted as an addendum.

Most programs require students to have a criminal background check, a drug screen, and an OIG review (Office of Inspector General) upon admission. Healthcare agencies that are utilized for clinical and/or internship experiences require this evaluation. If a student is denied agency access due to a positive check or screening, the student is not able to complete the clinical education experiences, which results in the inability to continue in the Health Science program. Screening is required after graduation by examination boards, state licensing boards, and employing agencies. Pending the outcome, a graduate may be disqualified from examination eligibility, state licensure, and/or employment.

Students must achieve a GPA of 2.0 or better to graduate. Students who receive a grade of "D" in a general education course (other than BIO) can graduate if their GPA is at least 2.0. However, a grade of "D" in a general education course will not transfer to another institution, nor will GTCC accept a grade of "D" for credit from another institution. Students must achieve a "C" or better in BIO and the Medical Sonography program major courses. Students who do not achieve a "C" or better in these courses will be suspended from the Medical Sonography program.

If You Have Questions about the Health Sciences Limited Entry Admission Process, Please Contact:

Limited Entry Programs Office

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