

Sonography Program Application Summer 2010

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SELECTION: April 2, 2010



PBCC at Palm Beach Gardens
3160 PGA Blvd.
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Sonography Program Office (561) 207-5010
Limited Access Program Office (561) 207-5323

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Program Information

About the Program

Palm Beach Community College offers an Associate of Science degree in Sonography and a four semester College Credit Certificate. It is a career oriented college-level program consisting of classroom, lab and clinical experience. The mission of the Program is to graduate students with entry level employment skills required of a Sonographer. Two tracks of completion are available for the Sonography Program.

The program has a 14 month, competency based curriculum which includes practical experience in local hospitals and is designed to develop technical proficiency through extensive clinical exposure. The program is designed to begin in the summer term each year, and requires a full-time commitment beginning in Fall Term. Those seeking an Associates degree may take the general education courses before the core courses.

What are the duties of a Sonographer?

A Diagnostic Medical Sonographer uses creativity and advanced technological ultrasound equipment to produce images of the body. Sonographers use high frequency sound waves to demonstrate body parts and assist the physician in the diagnosis of medical abnormalities. The sonographer must have an exceptional understanding of human anatomy and an artistic, creative self-directed approach for locating and demonstrating anatomy and pathology.

What is the job outlook?

Excellent. The demand for diagnostic imaging personnel is expected to increase sharply, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Salary ranges for graduates of such programs vary by region. The registered technologist can expect to enter the job market at approx. \$40,000 annually, with increases based on experience and specialization, up to \$50,000 or more, according to the 2001 ASRT Wage Survey.

What are the costs for the program?

Florida resident tuition costs \$82.50 per credit hour and the program requires 72 credit hours. Total tuition costs for the program are approx. \$5940.00. Books, laboratory fees, uniforms, liability insurance, and professional association membership dues total approx. \$900.00. Transportation considerations for attendance to clinical training typically ranges between \$650 - \$1,250. (Gas, oil, maint.) Total cost: \$7,450 - \$8,090. The Certificate program would be about \$2,400.00 less.

After graduation from the program, how can I further my education?

As a profession, Sonography emphasizes career development which leads to additional certification in echocardiography and vascular imaging. PBCC is offers an Advance Technical Certificate in Echocardiography.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY OPEN HOUSE SESSION.

These sessions are held July through February, in Room LC 122 of the Lewis Center from 1 – 2 p.m. on the Palm Beach Gardens Campus. No appointment is necessary.

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Thursday, January 28, 2010

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Requirements for Consideration for Selection

Meeting the criteria for selection does not guarantee admission to the program. Final selection will be based on the applicant pool. These criteria supersede any other information.

APPLICATION

First-time PBCC Students: Submit a completed PBCC general application at www.FACTS.org (choose Admissions) and pay the appropriate fee. This one-time fee is \$20 for U.S. citizens, \$30 (U.S. currency) for international students and is non-refundable. Be sure to insert your current and active e-mail address where requested. In addition, applicants must submit a PBCC Sonography program application along with payment or a paid receipt for an additional non-refundable processing fee of \$20 required with each program application.

Non first-time PBCC Students: There is a \$20 non-refundable processing fee due with each Sonography program application. Submit payment or a paid receipt for this processing fee along with a program application to the Admissions Office.

Academic High School Diploma or GED

Transcripts must be official transcripts (*transcripts are considered official if sent directly to PBCC from the institution or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope sealed by the issuing institution*) to the PBCC Admission Office. All applicants, new, current and college transfer students must have their official high school or GED transcript on file at PBCC. You may download the transcript request form from our website at <http://www.pbcc.edu/Transcripts.xml> Students who received a Florida GED can request their scores using the downloaded form at <http://www.pbcc.edu/Transcripts.xml>

College Transcripts

Official college transcripts (*transcripts are considered official if sent directly to PBCC from the previous institution or be hand-delivered in a sealed envelope sealed by the issuing institution*) from ALL post-secondary institutions attended must be submitted. You may download the transcript request form from our website at www.pbcc.edu/transcripts.xml. All post-secondary records from out of the country must be submitted with a commercial evaluation. If you have attended college, we still require proof of a standard high school diploma, GED or validated foreign equivalent. Commercial evaluation of foreign transcripts must be conducted by approved evaluators listed at <http://www.pbcc.edu/ForeignTranscript.xml>

Cumulative Grade Point Average

Cumulative grade point average (GPA) must be at least 2.5 in all previous college work attempted. The student must have at least 12 or more semester hours of college course work.

Placement Test Scores

Placement test scores must meet minimum requirements for entrance into college level English and Math courses or required remediation must have been successfully completed. Successful completion (C or higher) from an accredited college or university of a minimum of three (3) college credits for Math and for English courses may be used in lieu of placement scores for the eligibility. Placement scores must be less than two (2) years old.

Financial Aid

Direct scholarships, grants and loans are available to qualifying students. Contact the Financial Aid Office for the appropriate forms at any PBCC campus.

Selection

The following criteria are used for selection – You will be selected under **ONE** of the following:

- Proof of completion of two-year allied health education program that is patient care related, examples include but not limited to; radiography, respiratory therapy, nursing, dental hygienist, and paramedic with required classes*.

OR

- Bachelor degree with required classes*.

Those applicants who have a Bachelor's degree are required to have direct patient-care experience (minimum of one year) or complete HSC 1010 or HSC2531.

OR

- Proof of completion of an allied health education program from an **accredited institution** that is patient care related but less than two year, includes but not limited to; medical assistant and EMT - **PLUS** one year of direct patient care employment with required classes*

***REQUIRED CLASSES** – College Level English, College Level Math, Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab & Applied Physics(radiology students may use their radiology physics to fulfill the physics requirement)

- All documents must be on file at PBCC Admissions Office-Palm Beach Gardens Campus by deadline date.
- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) must be at least 2.5 in all previous college work.
- Placement test scores must be at college level (or remediation completed).
- Consideration will be given for prior college degree, health care experience and/or completion of general education courses.
- Previous PBCC students will have priority in the selection process.
- **Completion of Open House is required.**
- **Current BLS(basic life support) card (upon acceptance into the program).**

Acceptance

Prospective students in the Program of Sonography shall be notified by mail as to their official status in the Program. Please note: Upon completion of the PBCC application process, students should receive a letter of acceptance to the college, not to be confused with acceptance to the program.

Records

Any student falsifying application records will be subject to immediate dismissal without refund. All credentials submitted become the property of the college and cannot be returned to the student. Any student convicted of a felony must have the conviction reviewed by the ARDMS prior to writing the Registry Exam. All students will be screened through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Palm Beach Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital or disability status in any of its educational programs or other programs and practices. Limited Access programs select students using a blind applicant pool and consider only the criteria outlined in each program's additional application information.

Applicants not accepted must reapply and submit another application fee if they wish to be considered for the subsequent class. There is no "waiting list". Each class is selected from the new applicant pool available each year.

Students selected to the Program will be required to submit documentation of a complete physical exam, immunizations, drug screening and FDLE background check. Students whose background checks show evidence of activities that will prohibit their participation in clinical assignments will not be able to complete their programs.

**Palm Beach Community College
Sonography Program CCC
Curriculum Outline**

Summer I

SON 1311 Sono Cross-Section Anatomy	2
SON 1100 Principles of Sonography	3
Total	5

Spring I

SON 1618 Medical Sono Physics II	3
SON 1112 Abdominal Sonography II	3
SON 1122 OB/GYN Sonography II	3
SON 1001 Practical Sonography II	3
SON 1814L Clinical Education II	3
Total	15

Fall I

SON 1614 Medical Sono. Physics	3
SON 1111 Abdominal Sonography I	3
SON 1121 OB/GYN Sonography I	3
SON 1000 Practical Sonography I	3
SON 1804L Clinical Education I	3
Total	15

Summer II

SON 1170 Sono of Circ System	3
SON 1824L Clinical Education III	4
Total	7

Total Program Credits 42

The following courses can be taken before the core SON courses for the AS degree in Sonography

BSC 2085 Anatomy & Phys. I /lab	4
MAC 1105 Algebra for Coll. Stu.	3
ENC 1101 College Composition	3
Humanities Elective	3
SPC 1016 Speech Communication	3
BSC 2086 Anatomy & Phys. II/lab	4
PSY 2012 General Psychology	3
PHY 1001 Physics (or higher)	3
BSC1010 Principles of Biology 1	3
BSC1010L Principles of Biology Lab 1	1
Total	30

Point System for Selection Student Checklist

After all general admission criteria have been satisfied, a point system will be utilized for selection.

General Admissions:

_____	PBCC Application (\$20-\$30 one time charge non-refundable)	_____
_____	PBCC Readmit Application or enrolled in credit course in last 12 months	_____
_____	PBCC Orientation (First time in college students only)	_____
_____	Transcripts	_____
_____	College level English and Math at an accredited college or College level placement test	_____
_____	or successful completion of remedial courses (preps)	_____

Program Requirements

_____	Sonography Application with \$20 fee non-refundable	_____
_____	Open House Counseling Session (Valid 1 year or two selection processes)	_____
_____	Current BLS card (upon acceptance into the program)	_____
_____	Grade Point Average (2.5 minimum) based on 12 college credits	GPA _____
One of the following		
_____	College Degree (BS, BA, MS, MA) from an accredited institution <u>+ required classes</u>	_____
_____	Allied Health Education from an accredited institution less than two years and documentation of work experience <u>+ required classes</u>	_____
_____	Health Credential – Two year allied health program <u>+ required classes</u> (Submit copy of official documentation-required by all applicants)	_____

Points awarded for the following criteria:

_____	Sono Lab Volunteer	+0.5	_____
_____	Previous PBCC Student	+0.5	_____
_____	Registered Radiologic Technologist (Submit copy of official documentation)	+1.0	_____
_____	College Degree (AAS, AS, AA, BS, BA, MS, MA) from an accredited institution- One only	+0.5	_____
_____	Health Credential – Two year allied health program	+1.0	_____
_____	Allied Health Education less than two years and documentation of work experience	+0.75	_____

General Education Courses - C or higher

_____	BSC 1010	Principles of Biology 1/Lab	+0.5	_____
_____	BSC 2086	Anatomy and Physiology II/ Lab	+0.5	_____
_____	ENC 1101	College Composition I	+0.25	_____
_____	MAC 1105	College Algebra or higher	+0.25	_____
_____	Humanities	Humanities Elective	+0.25	_____
_____	PSY 2012	General Psychology	+0.25	_____
_____	CGS 1570	Microcomputer Applications(or equivalent)	+0.25	_____
_____	PHY 1001	Applied Physics I (or equivalent)	+0.25	_____

Total Points _____

IF AN APPLICANT IS SELECTED AND DOES NOT ENTER THE PROGRAM OR IS NOT SELECTED, THE APPLICANT MUST REAPPLY AND IS NOT GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT SELECTION PROCESS.

*Sonography Program
Application for Admissions
3160 PGA Blvd.
Palm Beach Gardens, Fl 33410*

PROGRAM LOCATION: PBCC Campus
 IRSC Campus
PROGRAM OBJECTIVE: CCC6312
 AS2313

Please Type or Print Clearly

1. PBCC STUDENT ID _____ - _____ - _____

2. HOME CAMPUS DESIGNATION Belle Glade Boca Raton
 Lake Worth PB Gardens

3. E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ @ _____

4. NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE SUFFIX

5. If any of your transcripts, test scores, etc., might arrive under any names other than those listed above, enter names here:

6. LOCAL ADDRESS _____
NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS CITY

COUNTY (or PROVINCE) STATE ZIP CODE

7. HOME TELEPHONE () _____
 CELL PHONE () _____

8. DATE OF BIRTH _____

TRANSCRIPTS—Official transcripts must be sent directly to PBCC from issuing school/agency. All applicants, including college transfers, must submit high school or GED transcripts directly to PBCC. College transfer students must submit official transcripts from all colleges in which applicant has enrolled.

9. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE? Yes No **or** GED? Yes No

10. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

List all postsecondary colleges or universities you have enrolled. Omission of any constitutes falsification of records and voids application.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	CITY/STATE	DATES	DEGREE	CREDIT

To list more colleges/universities, attach a separate page.

11. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT PBCC? Yes No

12. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT ANOTHER COLLEGE? Yes No

13. ARE YOU A FLORIDA RESIDENT? Yes No

14. FORMAL HEALTH CARE CREDENTIAL –RT, RN, RRT, ETC (attach documentation w/dates) Yes No
 (Submit verification directly to Limited Access Program Office)

15. VERIFICATION OF DIRECT PATIENT CARE HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE? Yes No
 (Submit verification directly to Limited Access Program Office ATTN: Amanda LeBlanc)

I understand that falsification or omission of any information may result in my dismissal or rejection from the College.

 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

1. Have you ever had a license revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including denial of licensure by the licensing authority of another state, territory or country?
Yes _____ No _____
If "YES", explain _____
2. Have you ever been notified to appear before any licensing authority for a hearing on a complaint of any nature, including, but not limited to, a charge or violation for unprofessional or unethical conduct?
Yes _____ No _____
If "YES", explain _____
3. Have you ever been disciplined, terminated or dismissed, from an educational institution or program?
Yes _____ No _____
If "YES", explain _____
4. Have you ever been convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of health care? (A plea of nolo contendere shall create a rebuttable presumption of guilt to the underlying criminal charges).
Yes _____ No _____
If "YES", explain _____
5. Have you ever been convicted or found guilty of a crime, regardless of adjudication? (A plea of nolo contendere shall create a rebuttable presumption of guilt to the underlying criminal charges).
Yes _____ No _____
If "YES", explain _____
6. Within the last five years, have you been hospitalized for any physical or mental illness, condition, or injury?
Yes _____ No _____
If "YES", explain _____
7. Have you ever declined to follow the recommendation or request of a physician, counselor, employer, or supervisor that you enter therapy or treatment for any mental or physical illness or condition?
Yes _____ No _____
If "YES", explain _____
8. Have you ever been criminally or civilly charged with any intentional or negligent action related to your use or misuse of drugs, alcohol, or illegal chemical substances?
Yes _____ No _____
If "YES", explain _____
9. Do you have any mental or physical illness or condition which affects your ability to safely perform any procedure or task within the scope of the practice of radiography?
Yes _____ No _____
If "YES", explain _____
10. Have you ever been required by another licensing jurisdiction to enter into an impaired practitioner program?
Yes _____ No _____
If "YES", explain _____
11. Have you ever been accepted to or attended any other Allied Health Program including Medical Sonography?
Yes _____ No _____
If "YES", explain _____ **Additionally, you must provide a letter of "Good Standing" from that program director.**

I understand that a false statement in this affidavit will subject me to penalties pursuant to Florida Statute 837.06. If any of the above statements are found to be false, the applicant may not be eligible for admission or if already in the program may be dismissed. Any required information left blank will render the application incomplete. An incomplete application will not be considered in the admission process.

If you have answered yes to any questions on this page it may make you ineligible for licensure. To determine your eligibility for licensure it is your responsibility to contact the ARDMS at <http://www.ardms.org/default.asp?contentID=97>

By signing below you authorize the Department access to any and all disciplinary and legal issues.

Student Signature

Date