

ADMISSION CRITERIA Danville Campus

APPLICATION DEADLINE: *September 1, 2024!*

****Early Application is STRONGLY recommended! Do NOT mail the final week before it is due – Hand deliver the application if timely arrival is not assured.**

1. Completed applications must contain the following:

- A. Completed application form with the \$50 non-refundable fee.
Please make all checks payable to: SOVAH School of Health Professions**
- B. An essay. (guidelines include below)**
- C. 3 letters of reference. (forms included below)**
- D. Official college transcripts are required (sealed envelopes).**

(We ask that ALL information be sent in one packet to reduce processing time and errors.)

2. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

3. Applicants are selected in accordance with nondiscriminatory policies.

4. Permission is granted to consult previous educators, employers, and agencies.

5. SOVAH School of Health Professions will perform criminal background checks on all applicants; any false statements will be grounds for non-acceptance or dismissal.

6. Minimum APPLICATION pre-requisite educational requirements:

- *Completion of General Prerequisite Courses as Listed below*

7. The following General education classes are required for enrollment. Official Transcripts will be required for all courses.

- ✓ **Technical Mathematics, College Algebra, Trigonometry, vectors, geometry and complex numbers. (MTH 131 or 161)**
- ✓ **Human Anatomy & Physiology I**
- ✓ **Human Anatomy & Physiology II**
- ✓ **College Composition (English 111)**
- ✓ **Social Science Elective (PSY 230)**
- ✓ **Humanities Elective (PHI 220)**
- ✓ **College level General Physics Course**
- ✓ **College Success Skills**

8. Acceptance of students is a two-part process based upon results of:

- Part 1. Completed application score and**
- Part 2. Personal interview score.**

Each candidate's application and transcripts will be reviewed with a score being obtained from academic grades in math, science, and other relative courses. (Advanced/college prep courses will carry more weight than standard course work.) Based on these scores the most qualified individuals will be granted a personal interview. The interview scores will be added to the application score to make our final decisions.

9. Acceptance into the SOVAH School of Health Professions' Medical Sonography Program is also contingent upon potential students passing a pre-enrollment drug screening and physical examination. Results of these tests are confidential and are maintained by the institution.

10. Technical standards: Due to the nature of this profession and considering the safety of our patients and our students, applicants must be able to meet all the following technical standards in order to be considered for enrollment.

- A. Speech: Establish interpersonal rapport and communicate verbally and in writing with clients, physicians, peers, family members and the health-care team from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.**
- B. Hearing and Comprehension: Auditory acuity sufficient to respond to verbal instruction, perceive and interpret various equipment signals, use the telephone, understand and respond appropriately to verbal directions and hear faint body sounds.**
- C. Vision: Visual acuity sufficient to identify and distinguish colors, read handwritten orders and any other handwritten or printed data such as a medical record, provide for the safety of clients' condition by clearly viewing monitors and other equipment in order to correctly interpret data and evaluate sonographic quality.**
- D. Mobility: Stand and/or walk eight hours daily in the clinical setting. Bend, squat or kneel. Assist in lifting or moving clients of all age groups and weights. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (move around client to manually compress chest and ventilate). Work with arms fully extended overhead. Lift 50 pounds independently and 125 pounds with assistance.**
- E. Manual Dexterity: Demonstrate eye/hand coordination sufficient to manipulate equipment.**
- F. Fine Motor Ability: Ability to use hands for grasping, pushing, pulling and fine manipulation. Have tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and manipulation of equipment.**
- G. Mentation: Ability to remain focused on multiple details and tasks for at least an eight-hour period of time. Assimilate and apply knowledge acquired through lectures, discussions and readings.**
- H. Smell: Olfactory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.**
- I. Writing: Ability to organize thoughts and present them clearly and logically in writing.**
- J. Reading: Ability to read and understand written directions, instructions and comments in both classroom and clinical settings.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Have you ever been convicted of or are you presently under indictment for any felony or misdemeanor offense **other than** traffic violations? * Yes No If yes, please explain in an attached letter.

***Information is subject to verification through a REQUIRED Criminal History Background check.**

Attention Applicants: The Board of Health Professions and/or the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers “may refuse to admit a candidate to any examination, or may refuse to issue a license or certificate to any applicant” based on a number of both criminal and/or unprofessional conduct reasons. **If there is any question, applicants may wish to complete the ARDMS Ethics Review Pre-Application. This may be found on the website at <https://www.ardms.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/Compliance-Policies-ARDMS.pdf>**

Do you have a mental, physical, or chemical dependency condition, which could interfere with your current ability to practice in the healthcare field?

Yes No If you answered yes, please explain in detail on a separate sheet and attach to this application.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Include all employment within the past five years, beginning with your present or last employment.

1. Employer _____
City/State _____ Dates Employed: From _____ To _____
Job Responsibilities _____
Reason for Leaving _____
2. Employer _____
City/State _____ Dates Employed: From _____ To _____
Job Responsibilities _____
Reason for Leaving _____

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERENCES

Submit three (3) completed professional or academic recommendation/reference sheets (such as a recent employer, teacher, and/or counselor.), **NOT RELATIVES, FRIENDS, OR CLERGY**. Each person serving as a reference must complete the form, place it in an envelope, seal the envelope and sign across the back flap, and return the sealed envelope to you. Include these sealed envelopes with your application. References not meeting the above criteria are considered invalid.

STUDENT ESSAY

On a separate sheet, please write a brief essay addressing each of the following:

- Your experiences and activities including **awards/honors, volunteer or community service**.
- Your reason for selecting this career and your reason for desiring to enter this school.
- Your perception of your intellectual capability to complete this program.
- Your plans and aspirations for the future.
- Why do you think communication and critical thinking are important skills for a health professional to possess?

APPLICATION CHECK LIST (Things to be submitted)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Recommendations/References | <input type="checkbox"/> Essay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Transcripts | <input type="checkbox"/> ASVAB Test Results (optional) |

EDUCATION / PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

List in chronological order, any colleges, universities, and vocational/technical schools which you have attended. (Attach an additional sheet if needed!) Please request transcripts from each institution you attended and either send to the program directly or include with application!

1. Name of School _____ City/State _____
 Dates Attended: *From* _____ *To* _____ Graduation Date _____
 Degree Obtained: _____
2. Name of School _____ City/State _____
 Dates Attended: *From* _____ *To* _____ Graduation Date _____
 Degree Obtained: _____

Have you attended another school or similar program? Yes No

If yes, what program and school did you attend? _____

Graduation Date: _____

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES (If not on original transcript)

Courses marked with an * **are required upon application.** Please include "official transcripts" for these courses. Please check with the Program Director @ (434)799-2271 before scheduling placement tests or enrolling in any general education courses!

Please indicate your current status in the following college courses.

(Course numbers are current VCCS numbers, out of state course numbers will vary, but must be their equivalent.)

Course # (or equivalent)	Course	Credit Hours	Currently Enrolled (Y or N)	Complete (Y or N)	College
*MTH 131	College Math	3			
*BIO 141	*Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4			
*BIO 142	*Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4			
ENG 111	College Composition I	3			
	Social Science Elective	3			
	Humanities Elective	3			
PHY 100 or PHY 101 Or Radiation Physics	College Physics	3			
	College Success Skills (may be waived if successful completion of BS degree)	1			



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Section 1 (to be completed by applicant)

Indicate your decision regarding a waiver of the right of access before giving it to the person who will submit it. Give the form and a self-addressed and stamped referral envelope to the person making the recommendation. Have him or her place the completed recommendation into the envelope, seal it and sign across the seal. The envelope should be returned to you and you should return it with your application. Do not return separately.

Applicant's Name _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> Last First M.I. </div>

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendment's guarantee students' access to their educational files and all information concerning them. Students are also permitted to waive their right of access to recommendations. The following signed statement is the applicant's wish regarding this recommendation.

<input type="checkbox"/> I waive my right to inspect the contents of the following recommendation. <input type="checkbox"/> I do not waive my right to inspect the contents of the following recommendation. _____ Applicant's Signature
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This individual wishes you to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of his or her application to the SOVAH - School of Health Professions General Sonography Program. Your objective evaluation of the applicant's qualifications would be most appreciated.

Section 2 (to be completed by the person making this recommendation)

Name of person making recommendation. _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> Last First M.I. </div>
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How long and in what capacities have you known the applicant?

Please specify the group to which you are comparing this applicant:

- High school students
 Undergraduate college students
 Employees

Characteristic	Excellent Upper 10%	Good Upper 11-20%	Average 21-59%	Below Average <60%	No Basis For Judgment
Overall intellectual ability					
Understanding fundamentals of chosen occupation					
Written communication skills					
Verbal communication skills					
Ability to organize and apply facts and ideas					
Manual dexterity					
Ability to handle stressful situations					
Aptitude for higher education					
Intellectual curiosity					
Motivation					
Potential as a health care provider					
Overall Rating					

We realize that check off items sometimes do not provide the opportunity to characterize the applicant as fully as you would like. Please give any additional comments regarding the potential of the applicant to be a health care practitioner including remarks concerning maturity, personality, extracurricular activities or any other factors that you feel are important concerning the applicant's aptitude for successful performance within the educational process and/or profession.

Your overall assessment of the applicant as to his or her ability to complete an educational program in Sonography:

Strongly recommended

Recommended

Recommend with reservations*

Do not recommend

***Please explain on separate sheet if necessary.**

Signature

Date

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Title

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City

State

Zip

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