

SOUTHSIDE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES FAQ

1. *What are the steps to apply to the program?*

- Completion of prerequisites*; from either high school level and/or college.
- Submit an application, video interview (www.SCHS.slideroom.com), and official high school and college transcripts.
- Nursing program- submit ATI TEAS scores
- Sonography-submit a copy of your current license/certification
- Attend an information session prior to submission of an application

***Pre-requisites must either be completed before the application deadline or during the spring semester of the March 1st deadline.**

2. *What are the prerequisite courses for the program?*

Nursing

- Successful completion (C or better) of high school or college developmental courses in:
 - Algebra I
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Algebra II or Geometry
- Overall Adjusted Individual Total Score of 66 or better on the ATI TEAS
 - Please view the [NURSING_Admission_Criteria](#) for the complete list of requirements.

Radiation Sciences

- High School prerequisites; Successful completion (C or better) of:
 - Algebra I
 - Biology
 - Algebra II or Geometry
- College level prerequisites:
 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II
 - English Composition
 - Psychology
 - College Algebra/Statistics
 - Medical Terminology
 - Please view the [RADIATION_SCIENCES_Admission_Criteria](#) for a complete list of requirements.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

- Human Anatomy & Physiology I
- English Composition
- Psychology
- College Algebra/Statistics
- Radiation Physics or Physics
- Medical Terminology
- Medical Ethics & Law
- General Pathophysiology
- Human Patient Care
- Please view the [SONOGRAPHY_Admission_Criteria](#) for a complete list of requirements.

3. *Is there a GPA requirement?*

Nursing- minimum 2.0

Radiation Sciences-minimum 2.5

Diagnostic Medical Sonography-minimum 2.5

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4. *What is the ATI TEAS?*

The ATI TEAS test is only required for nursing applicants. The ATI TEAS measures basic essential skills in the academic content areas of reading, mathematics, science, and English and language usage. The test is intended for use primarily with adult nursing program applications. For information regarding the ATI TEAS test, please read the TEAS FAQ located on the website.

5. *Is there a time limit for courses I have taken in the past?*

Anatomy & Physiology I & II must be within ten years of entry into any program. Other courses do not have a time limit.

6. *Are there co-requisites for the program? What is a co-requisite?*

Yes. A co-requisite is a college level course that has been incorporated into the program curriculum. Those courses are not required to apply but highly recommended to take prior to applying. Co-requisites can be taken a regionally accredited institution and are not offered SCHS.

Nursing

- Human Anatomy & Physiology I
- Nutrition
- Human Anatomy & Physiology II
- Developmental Psychology
- Microbiology
- English Composition
- Elective I
- English II
- Elective I

Radiation Sciences

- Ethics
- English II
- Social Science
- Humanities
- History

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

- No co-requisites

7. *I took classes at another college. Do they automatically transfer to SCHS?*

Course(s) may transfer to SCHS if the following are met: a student must have earned a "C" or higher; the course must be similar in course description, match the number of credit hours, and the institution must be regionally accredited. SCHS will determine your transfer credits when an official transcript is sent from the college you attended; along with your application.

8. *I've taken courses at a school and I do not think you will accept the credits do I still have to submit an official transcript with my application?*

Yes, all college transcripts need to be submitted even if you do not believe we can transfer in the course.

9. *I've taken all of the prerequisites. What is my next step?*

Submit your completed application, application fee or application fee waiver form (if applicable), and official transcripts (high school and post-secondary education) by the appropriate application deadline.

Utilize the [APPLICANT_CHECKLIST](#)

to make sure that you have submitted all required documents. ***Admissions will not contact you if you are missing any documents from your application packet.***

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10. *When is the deadline for application? When do classes start?*

	March 1 st (fall start)	August 1 st (spring start)
Nursing	X	X
Radiation Sciences	X	
Sonography		X

11. *I will not have completed pre-requisites by March 1st (application deadline) can I still apply?*

Yes, you can apply. You will need to submit your application, application fee, student statement, video interview, and official transcripts (high school and post-secondary education) by March 1st. The transcript that you submit should also reflect the current (spring) semester pre-requisites that you are taking. Once your semester is completed, have your school submit another official transcript with final grades posted. This is only applicable for the March 1st application deadline.

12. *How much is the application fee?*

There is a non-refundable application fee of \$70. However, the fee can be waived if you are military, military dependents, CHS employee and/or dependent of CHS employee, alumni of the school or dependent of alumni. Applicants applying for the application fee waiver must submit the [APPLICATION_FEE_WAIVER](#). It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit the form and any supporting documentation. Submission of the Application Fee Waiver Form does not automatically guarantee the application fee will be waived. The Admissions Office will review the form and documentation. You may be contacted to submit the application fee if you are not eligible or need to provide additional information.

13. *What is the TOEFL? Do I need to take it?*

The TOEFL or Test of English as a Foreign Language is only required for those applicants when English is a second language. Applicants with English as a second language may find it beneficial to take the TOEFL, Test of English as a Foreign Language, to assess their English knowledge and take supplemental English as a Second Language (ESL) courses to improve language foundation.

14. *How is the program designed?*

Nursing

The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing is a five (5) semester program consisting of 42 credit hours of nursing courses and 30 credit hours of general education courses totaling 72 credits. The nursing courses consist of lecture, lab and clinical taught at SCHS.

Radiation Sciences

The Associate of Applied Science in Radiation Sciences is a five (5) semester program consisting of 51 credit hours of radiography courses and 32 credit hours of general education courses totaling 83 credits. The radiation sciences courses consist of lecture, lab and clinical taught at SCHS.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

The Associate of Applied Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography is a four (4) semester program consisting of 50 credit hours of sonography courses and 17 credit hours of general education courses totaling 67 credits. The courses consist of lecture, lab and clinical taught at SCHS.

All programs consist of lecture, lab and clinical hours. Lecture and lab are taught at SCHS. Clinical hours are completed at Southside Regional Medical Center, other hospitals, and outside practices. Co-requisites can be taken at a regionally accredited institution and are not offered at SCHS.

You can also view the curriculum in the SCHS Catalog on the website, <https://www.srmconline.com/healthcare-education>.

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15. *What is the profile of your typical student?*

Nursing

Our average incoming student has A's and B's in their co-requisites courses, above the national average on the ATI TEAS test and previous volunteer or work experience in the medical field.

Radiation Sciences

Our average incoming student has A's and B's in their prerequisites courses with an average GPA of 3.1.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

All incoming student are licensed/certified healthcare providers who are directly responsible for patient care in a clinical setting with an average 3.0 GPA.

16. *Is there a waiting list?*

We do not have a waiting list; however, we can select alternates to fill in empty slots. Any applicants placed on an alternate list will be notified if space comes available. We do dissolve this alternate list upon the first day of class.

17. *How long will it take before I find out if I have been accepted into the program?*

SCHS will notify applicants via email and postal mail within 45 days following the application deadline.

18. *If I am accepted into the program, what kind of degree will I receive?*

Upon successful completion of one of the three programs:

Nursing

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing is awarded. Graduates are then eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX)-RN.

Radiation Sciences

Associate of Applied Science in Radiation Sciences is awarded. Graduates are then eligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT).

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Associate of Applied Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography is awarded. Graduates are then eligible to take the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) in the areas of Sonography Principles & Instrumentation (SPI) and are able to take one of two specialty boards; Abdomen (AB) and Obstetrics and/or Gynecology (OB/GYN).

19. *Do I need to have CPR certification when I enter the program?*

You need to be CPR certified in order to start on the first day of class; however, you do not submit a copy of your CPR certification with your application. More information regarding CPR training will be provided upon acceptance into the program.

20. *What if I am already CPR certified?*

If you are already CPR certified, you will want to make sure that you have the correct certification and it is not about to expire. SCHS requires American Heart Association for Healthcare Providers Only. You will want to make sure that you keep your CPR certification up to date.

21. *Can I work full-time while in the program?*

Even though you can arrange to do your coursework on your own time, clinicals can be held throughout the week to include weekends. It is not advised to be both a full-time student and full-time worker. Many students work in their local hospitals part-time as they go through the program to sharpen their skills and gain confidence on the clinical floor.

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22. Do you have evening clinical?

Clinical rotations are primarily completed via day and evening shifts with options for weekend shifts. Students are provided a schedule prior to the first day of class. Students should always be aware that changes might occur and to be flexible.

23. Are all of my clinical sites at SRMC?

No. Students also complete their clinical rotations at various hospitals and clinics in the Tri-Cities/Richmond area.

24. Can I finish the program early?

No. All programs' curriculum has been designed for the student take courses consecutively. Courses cannot be combined.

25. Do you have an LPN-RN Bridge Program?

No. We do not have a LPN-RN Bridge Program. Previous work experience and healthcare credentials are taken into consideration during the application process.

26. Am I able to take any courses online?

All programmatic courses are held at SCHS. Co-requisites courses can be taken with a local college or community college (if available).

27. Is the school accredited?

Yes. SCHS is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES); and certified to operate by The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Nursing

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

Virginia Board of Nursing (VABON)

Radiation Sciences

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)

Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS)

Our website, <https://www.srmconline.com/healthcare-education>, provides additional information about the school, admission requirements, list of the faculty, and lots of other useful information. All applicants are required to attend an Information Session. Information Sessions are held throughout the year on a regular basis; the dates and times are listed on website. When you are ready, you may submit an application and official transcripts. Utilize the **APPLICANT_CHECKLIST** to make sure that you have submitted all required documents.

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NURSING_Admission_Criteria

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES SOUTHSIDE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES SCHOOL OF NURSING

The School of Nursing provides educational opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other status or condition protected by applicable laws, provided that an individual's qualifications meet the criteria established for admission to the School of Nursing.

I. Admission Criteria*:

- A. Graduate of an accredited high school or GED (General Equivalency Diploma).
- B. Successful completion of the following high school or college developmental courses with a "C" or better:
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Algebra I
 - Algebra II or Geometry
- C. Pre-admission test, ATI TEAS, with an overall Adjusted Individual Total Score of 66 or better. Applicants will be given one attempt per admission cycle; max number of attempts to twice a year. (testing fee payable at time of testing; proctoring fee must be paid in advance);
- D. Video upload of interview questions;
- E. Applicants who are not a U.S. citizen by birth must provide immigration or citizenship documentation (The College does not participate in the SEVIS program);
- F. Negative complete criminal history and child protective screens; and
- G. Negative drug screen.
- H. Attend an Information Session

II. Admission Process:

- A. Application Review
 1. Completed application.
 2. A non-refundable \$70 application fee.
 3. Official transcripts from high school or GED documentation.
 4. Official transcripts from all post-secondary education (colleges, universities); if applicable.
 5. Registration and completion of pre-admission test, ATI TEAS (fee applicable)
 6. Review of video interview
- B. Following acceptance, applicants must complete a health history, provide evidence of immunizations and/or appropriate titers for measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), and Varicella, and verify compliance with technical standards required for the school.

Completed applications (application, fee, & all transcripts) **must be received by March 1** to be considered for the annual fall acceptance in August; **received by August 1** to be considered for the spring acceptance in January. Acceptance to the program is based on previous academic history, results of pre-admission testing, and performance in any required or prerequisite course work. Admission is offered to qualified applicants on a space available basis.

* An applicant who meets all admission requirements is not guaranteed admission to the program. The school retains the right to immediately dismiss an applicant who has falsified their application. Admission may be denied if the drug screen is positive, if the applicant misses any deadline established by the school, or if the applicant has a prior conviction that would disqualify them from clinical rotations.

Applicants with English as a second language may find it beneficial to take the TOEFL, Test of English as a Foreign Language, to assess their English knowledge and take supplemental English as a Second Language (ESL) courses to improve language foundation.

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RADIATION_SCIENCES_Admission_Criteria

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES SOUTHSIDE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES SCHOOL OF RADIATION SCIENCES

The School of Radiation Sciences provides educational opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other status or condition protected by applicable laws, provided that an individual's qualifications meet the criteria established for admission to the School of Radiation Sciences.

I. Admission Criteria*:

- A. Graduate of an accredited high school or GED (General Equivalency Diploma).
- B. Successful completion (C or better) of high school or college developmental courses in Algebra I, Biology, and either Algebra II or Geometry. This is a total of 3 courses..
- C. Successful completion of the following college courses from an accredited institution with a "C" or better:
 1. English Composition or Literature – 3 semester credit
 2. Algebra, Statistics, or Pre-calculus – 3 semester credits
 3. General Psychology – 3 semester credits
 4. Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II - 8 semester credits
 - i. This is a total of 5 courses equaling 17 semester college credits.
- D. Prerequisite college courses above with at least a combined 2.5 GPA (Grade Point Average).
- E. Evidence of successful completion of a medical terminology course.
- F. Video upload of personal interview questions.
- G. Applicants who are not a U.S. citizen by birth must provide immigration or citizenship documentation. The school does not participate in the SEVIS program.
- H. Negative complete criminal history and child protective screens.
- I. Negative drug screen
- J. Attend an Information Session

II. Admission Process:

- A. Application Review
 1. Completed application.
 2. A non-refundable \$70 application fee.
 3. Official transcripts from high school or GED documentation.
 4. Official transcripts from all post-secondary education (colleges, universities); if applicable.
 5. Successful completion of or registration in prerequisite high school & college courses (B through F in the above admission criteria).
 6. Review of video interview.
- B. Following acceptance, applicants must complete a health history, provide evidence of immunizations and/or appropriate titers for measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), and Varicella, and verify compliance with technical standards required for the school.

Completed applications (application, fee, & all transcripts) **must be received by March 1** to be considered for the annual fall acceptance in August. Acceptance to the program is based on previous academic history, results of pre-admission testing, and performance in any required or prerequisite course work. Admission is offered to qualified applicants on a space available basis.

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SONOGRAPHY_Admission_Criteria

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES SOUTHSIDE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES SCHOOL OF DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

The School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography provides educational opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other status or condition protected by applicable laws, provided that an individual's qualifications meet the criteria established for admission to the School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

I. Admission Criteria*:

- A. Graduate of an accredited high school or GED (General Equivalency Diploma).
- B. Completion of a human health career program to include **DIRECT** patient contact work experience within the field (clinical full or part-time)[minimum of 500 hours]. **Proper documentation of work experience MUST be submitted with application.**
- C. **Human health care license and/or certification such as a Radiologic Technologist, Registered Nurse, Respiratory Therapist, Licensed Practical Nurse, Emergency Medical Technician, and Certified Nursing Assistant (list not inclusive) must be current with no limitations applied.**
- D. Successful completion of the following coursework from an accredited institution with a "C" or better (** Denotes coursework completed at the college level):
 1. Medical Terminology
 2. Human Patient Care
 3. Medical Ethics & Law
 4. General Pathophysiology
 5. Algebra or Statistics**
 6. Physics or Radiation Physics**
 7. Human Anatomy & Physiology (completed within 10 years) **
 8. English Composition**
 9. General Psychology**
- E. Prerequisite coursework above with a combined 2.5 GPA or better.
- F. Video upload of interview questions;
- G. Applicants who are not a U.S. citizen by birth must provide immigration or citizenship documentation. The College does not participate in the SEVIS program.
- H. Negative complete criminal history and child protective screens.
- I. Negative drug screen.
- J. Attend an Information Session

II. Admission Process:

- A. Application Review
 1. Completed application.
 2. A non-refundable \$70 application fee.
 3. Official transcripts from high school or GED documentation.
 4. Official transcripts from all post-secondary education (colleges, universities); if applicable.
 5. Review of video interview
- B. Following acceptance, applicants must complete a health history, provide evidence of immunizations and/or appropriate titers for measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), and Varicella, and verify compliance with technical standards required for the school.

Completed applications (application, fee, & all transcripts) **must be received by August 1** to be considered for the spring acceptance in January. Acceptance to the program is based on previous academic history, results of pre-admission testing, and performance in any required or prerequisite course work. Admission is offered to qualified applicants on a space available basis.

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APPLICANT_CHECKLIST



Applicant Checklist

Please use this checklist to track your admission requirements. All required documents must be submitted in one complete package to SOUTHSIDE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES prior to the applicable deadline.

The following materials must be completed and turned in prior to the deadline of March 1st or August 1st depending on program admission cycle. An application will not be reviewed for acceptance if you are missing documents from your application packet.

Application Deadlines:

- **March 1st : Nursing and Radiation Sciences**
- **August 1st: Nursing and Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

Completed

_____Application

_____Application Fee Amount \$70.00 Method of Payment_____

_____ Application Fee Waiver Form and Documentation (if applicable)

_____ Video Interview submitted via SlideRoom (\$6 fee paid to SlideRoom)

_____ Official High School Transcripts or copy of GED

_____ Official College Transcripts (if applicable)

_____ Attend Information Session prior to application deadline

_____ ATI TEAS (TEAS VI) for NURS applicants only

_____ Copy of Health Care License (if applicable) (*Sonography Applicants are required to submit Health Care License

_____ Verification of direct patient contact hours using the *DMS Applicants Verification of Direct Patient Contact Hours Form*. Only this form will be accepted to document/verify direct patient contact hours. (Sonography Applicants only)

***** You are responsible for submitting all required documents for admissions. Incomplete application packets will not be reviewed for acceptance.*****

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APPLICATION_FEE_WAIVER



APPLICATION FEE WAIVER FORM

Southside College of Health Sciences' \$70 application fee is due on or before the application deadline (March 1 or August 1). A candidate who meets at least one of the criteria listed below is eligible for the application fee waiver. Applicants must submit the completed Application Fee Waiver and required documentation with a completed application packet.

***Submission of form and documentation does meet the application will be waived. The form and documentation will be reviewed by Admissions for approval.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial	Suffix
Application Deadline:	___ March 1, 20___	___ August 1, 20___	
Program: ___Nursing	___Radiation Sciences	___Diagnostic Medical Sonography	

Eligible for fee waiver (check one)

- CHS Employee
- CHS Dependent (age 24 or younger)
- Military/ Military Spouse
- Military Dependent (age 24 or younger)
- Alumni of SRMCPS
- Alumni Dependent (age 24 or younger)

Required Documentation/Information

- CHS Employee Badge
- Parent's CHS Employee Badge
- Copy of Military ID card
- Name of Alumni (name used while attending the SCHS)*

Name _____

***Alumni will need to be verified by school official**

Applicant's Signature

Date

Official Use Only:

Date Received

Designee

Date Processed

Admissions Officer or School

Alumni, _____, verified? [] Yes or [] No

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DIRECT_PATIENT_CONTACT_HOURS



Diagnostic Medical Sonography Applicants Verification of Direct Patient Contact Hours Form

Applicant's Name: _____ Employer: _____

Applicants for admission to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program must possess a current human health care license and/or certification with no limitations applied. They must have work experience of at least a minimum 500 DIRECT patient contact hours. Verification of your patient care hours can be documented on this form and authorized by your immediate supervisor. Your supervisor's signature verifies that the named candidate has completed documented hours.

Patient Care includes, but not limited to:

- Perform vital signs
- Physical assessment of patient
- Perform appropriate hand hygiene
- Demonstrate patient transfer, positioning, and handling
 - Transfer techniques-moving/turning in bed, assisting with bed to chair/bed to stretcher/bed to wheelchair
- Assisting patients with elimination and toileting processes
- Utilize proper body mechanics for patients
- Performing patient hygiene (bathing, dressing, dental care, and etc.)
- Demonstrate proper technique to apply and remove personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Utilize proper technique to care for patient in isolation
- Demonstrate the principles of surgical asepsis
- Perform IV insertion/discontinuation
- Demonstrate safe administration of intramuscular, subcutaneous, and intradermal medications and selection of injection site.

The DMS applicant, _____, has completed ____ hours with
_____ (company/organization).

Supervisor's Signature and Title: _____

Contact Information: _____

*this form may be duplicated

Only this form will be accepted to document/verify direct patient contact hours.