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# Notes for Educators

*A Newsletter for the ARDMS Educator Community*



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## Fall 2022

### Sonography Program Spotlight:

#### Gadsden State Community College, Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program



The Gadsden State Community College Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program in Gadsden Alabama is the only Ultrasound program in Alabama that offers Abdomen, OBGYN, and Vascular in the one associate degree program. The program began August of 2018 and we received our accreditation March of 2020. We partner with community affiliates like the Etowah Pregnancy Center and Christ Health Center to bring Ultrasound services to their clinics by our faculty and allowing student participation. We are General and Vascular accredited through JRC-DMS/CAAHEP. We also have a hybrid Echo Certificate Program for current sonographers to cross train into Echo that began Fall of 2021. The 2-semester certificate program allows graduates of DMS programs to continue work while learning a new skill.

**ARDMS:** What sets your program apart from other programs in your community?

**GSCC:** While many programs choose to focus on a narrow group of modalities, we believe in a comprehensive approach. Offering a curriculum that covers Abdomen, Obgyn, Vascular and small parts ensures that our students are well-rounded and very competitive when entering the workforce. We are the only community college in the state with all of these modalities within one associate of applied science degree versus multiple degrees. Most hospitals in our area have shared service departments and need sonographers who can perform a wide variety of exams. We also have a campus scan lab with 7 Ge and/or Samsung machines for students to scan daily...

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Does your Sonography program have deep ties in your community? Is your program leading the way in innovation for education through COVID and beyond? Do you want your program to get the recognition it deserves? If you said "YES" to any of these questions, fill out and submit [this form](#) to [EducatorResources@Inteleos.org](mailto:EducatorResources@Inteleos.org)!

### **ARDMS Examinations Available Online!**



You can take the SPI, AB, BR, AE, FE, PS, PE, MSKS, MW, OB/GYN, and VT examinations online! [Read more](#) to determine if this is the right option for you!

### **Questions Surrounding Compliance?**

The Compliance Department is responsible for performing administrative investigations of the [ARDMS Compliance Policies](#) violations. If you suspect a compliance violation has been committed, have questions about how to report, or would like more information surrounding the Compliance Review Process, please review the following videos within the Compliance tab:

<https://www.ardms.org/discover-ardms/compliance/>



# **Certification Corner**

## **When and How to Submit Application Documentation**

All documentation should be uploaded by the Applicant to their MYARDMS account at time of application. Please do not mail or fax any application documents as we are working remotely.

To upload application documents, the Applicant must log in to their account. They will be able to access the Upload Documents page by clicking the “My Resources” tab and use the “Application Documents” file type.

## **When Should Students Apply for the Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (SPI) Examination?**

When a student has passed a college-level general, medical, or sonographic physics class, or has completed a physics seminar/course they may apply for the Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (SPI) examination under the SPI Requirement.

When students apply for the SPI examination under the SPI Requirement, they must submit the following documents:

- An official or unofficial transcript (see transcript requirements below) reflecting successful completion of a graded general, medical, or sonographic college, post-secondary, or higher education physics class (with a grade of C or above).

**OR**

- A CME certificate denoting successful completion of a general, medical, or sonographic physics seminar, physics review course, or physics correspondence course, denoting a minimum award of 12 ARDMS-accepted CME credits. The certificate must meet ARDMS CME documentation requirements (visit [ARDMS.org/CME](http://ARDMS.org/CME) to view ARDMS-accepted CMEs). The CME credits must be earned within two (2) years prior to application submission.

## **Transcript Requirements:**

- Name of Applicant and school must be printed on the transcript; handwritten information will not be accepted.
- The class or course name must specifically indicate Physics, Physical Principles and/or Instrumentation in the title and be printed on the transcript. Supplementary information will not be accepted.
- Transcript can be unofficial or official.
- If submitting a foreign transcript or degree, a formal course by course foreign transcript evaluation report must accompany the application summary and indicate the above requirements.
- Transcripts indicating only a number grade must include a grade key printed on the transcript showing the equivalent letter grade. Supplementary information will not be accepted.

## **Reminders for Paperless Prerequisite 2 Applications (CAAHEP & CMA/HSO Programs)**

- Reminder for frequently asked questions there is a “[FAQ](#)” resource for Educators to refer to under the “Educators Corner” tab.
- The Program Director logs into their MYARDMS/ MYAPCA account and clicks on the “Educator Corner” tab. Beginning 90 days prior to graduation, the Program Director can submit a new Prerequisite 2 form with students' name and ID numbers. This form verifies the students' clinical experience and expected date of graduation.
- Students not appearing in Prerequisite 2 Application Form list of “Eligible Students” simply means they did not identify the school's program when registering for a MY

ARDMS account. In this situation, the Program Director will need to manually add these students; to do so, instead of clicking 'Select Students', you will need to select 'Add Student'. You will need to enter their names exactly the way they are listed in their MY ARDMS accounts along with their ARDMS ID number.

- To avoid delays in the processing of applications submitted under Paperless Prerequisite 2, students should not apply for the specialty examinations before receiving an email from ARDMS notifying them that their Program Director has provided the required information for their application.
- The graduation/conferred date is the date that will be listed on the diploma/certificate and official transcript. The graduation or conferred date is the date the student will meet the completion of all financial and academic obligations of the school

## Take an ARDMS Examination Online

All ARDMS on-demand examinations can now be taken from the comfort of your own home via OnVue, Pearson Vue's secure online proctoring service. Click [here](#) to learn more!

## For CAHHEP Accredited Programs (Paperless Applications)

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### Looking for a Job in Ultrasound?

Visit **UltrasoundJOBS by ARDMS** and search sonography-specific positions in your area. **Create an account**, upload your resume, browse the Career Learning Center and build custom job alerts to fit your needs.

### Hiring? Post a Job!

**UltrasoundJOBS by ARDMS** will help you find the right professional by delivering enhanced features including a Feature Jobs option and Ultrasound SmartBrief Add-on. **Create an account today!**

## Volunteer with ARDMS

With the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program, join us at the cutting edge of sonography culture!

Excellence, opportunity, community, and lifelong learning: at ARDMS, certification is a journey that extends well beyond any singular assessment.

Help shape the future of the MOC program and enhance your personal career journey as a volunteer. Sign up today through your **MYARDMS** profile or connect with the Volunteer Engagement team at [volunteer@inteleos.org](mailto:volunteer@inteleos.org).

If you are interested in learning more about our other volunteer opportunities, check out the volunteer page at <https://www.ardms.org/volunteer-now/>





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