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# Notes for Educators

A Newsletter for the ARDMS Educator Community



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### Sonography Program Spotlight: Bowling Green State University Firelands College DMS



Created in 2012, Firelands College DMS earned accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) in 2013. This small, affordable college in North Central Ohio, which is affiliated with Bowling Green State University, offers a small class size and the opportunity to seamlessly transition from an Associate's degree program into a Bachelor's degree program for any student that wants to continue their education. Equipped with a brand new sonography lab designed to reinforce medical imaging concepts, Firelands College DMS students also participate in a Sonography Club that provides live scanning demonstrations, career information and guest speakers to help promote ultrasound awareness within the community.

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

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**FC DMS:** We have a small class size with a great faculty who are truly committed to student success. We provide a wide range of learning opportunities in the classroom and in our clinical rotations. In addition to general sonography we provide a foundation in vascular and breast sonography.

**ARDMS:** How does your program prepare students for a post-graduation career?

**FC DMS:** We prepare students not only with sonography knowledge and scanning skills, but also to be active members in their profession. We value critical thinking and professionalism and these items are embedded into the program throughout the entire curriculum. During the last semester, students participate in a capstone course in which they complete resumes and participate in mock interviews to prepare them for future employment. The students also participate in registry reviews and several mock registry exams are provided.

**ARDMS:** How does your program adapt to and prepare for innovation in the Sonography field?

**FC DMS:** Faculty members participate in educational development while also remaining active in ultrasound societies and attending regional and national meetings. We have a close relationship with our clinical affiliates to remain current in the field and the evolving needs with in Sonography. January 2019 we completed the renovation of our allied health building and new sonography lab. We are fortunate to have an administration who are dedicated to the success of the program and the renovations which provided new equipment.

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### Sound Off Today!

In our [Fall 2018](#) edition we featured an article about managing pain caused by work-related musculoskeletal disorders. To continue to offer articles on issues that matter to you, we need your feedback!

Send an email to [Communications@ARDMS.org](mailto:Communications@ARDMS.org) and tell us what you want to hear about today!

Last year we introduced [Real Talk Sonography](#) (RTS) – a five-part video series that looks at sonography through the stories, insights and emotions of real 20+ sonographers.

This year we are asking you – the sonography community – to share your own experiences. Join the conversation by submitting your own video.



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[Medical Imaging Road Less Traveled](#)

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Medical imaging is a field that is continually growing and offers several career options. According to an article by [All Allied Health Schools](#), the employment rate for jobs related to medical imaging is expected to grow faster than most occupations through 2026.<sup>1</sup>

The field covers an array of specialties using a variety of methods and technologies to aid in making diagnoses, so the opportunities are indeed extensive. Traditionally, the medical imaging path leads to roads marked sonographer, radiologic or nuclear medicine technologist, or MRI technician. However, the career journey in this field has and will continue to point to destinations less considered.

Several unique professions require and benefit from medical imaging skills and education. Let's take a detour and explore a few of these non-traditional imaging vocations, by starting close to home with Sports Medicine.

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## Certification Corner

### Diving Further Into Our Paperless Prerequisite 2 Program

#### What ifs...

##### **What if my student is not graduating with the rest of the cohort?**

We understand that occasionally this happens, some students do not graduate with the rest of the class. When this occurs, we ask that you submit the graduation information for the remainder of the class; for the student's who's graduation will be postponed, please leave their status as N/A and send an e-mail to [prereq2app@armds.org](mailto:prereq2app@armds.org) with the reason for delay and their new expected date of graduation (new expected date of graduation must be within six months of original date). We will then update the student's record and make certain they have not applied for/passed any exams for which they are not yet eligible.

##### **What if a new anticipated date of graduation is not available or graduation date is beyond six months?**

If an anticipated date of graduation is not available or student(s) will not complete the program within six months of the original graduation date, we ask that you notify us. In this situation, the student will have to be removed from the Paperless Application Form and added to a new form later when a graduation date is available.

##### **What if the student is not graduating or is withdrawing from the program?**

You will simply need to update their graduation status to "No" and provide a brief note indicating why the student won't be completing your program. Once you indicate "No" that student will be reverted to First-Time Applicant status and any passed specialty examinations will be rescinded.

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### Looking for a Job in Ultrasound?

Here are two featured open positions:

**Echo Technologist (Denver, CO)**  
**Vascular Sonographer (Austin, TX)**

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## Windowed Examination Application Periods

- **Midwife Sonography (MW):** December 10, 2019 - February 18, 2020
- **Fetal Echocardiography (FE):** December 10, 2019 - February 18, 2020
- **Pediatric Sonography (PS):** December 10, 2019 - February 18, 2020
- **Pediatric Echocardiography (PE):** January 14, 2020 - March 24, 2020
- **Musculoskeletal Sonography (MSKS):** January 28, 2020 - April 7, 2020

## INTELEOS STAFF UPDATE





The Inteleos staff stayed warm and celebrated the winter months by constructing and enjoying gingerbread houses.



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