

Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Admissions/Enrollment

2026-2027 Academic Year

Application Process

The Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program uses a selective process to determine which students will be accepted into the program. Acceptance into the program is based on a point system that includes scores from a behavior-based interview, high school and college GPAs, and the number of additional science and math classes with a grade of "C" or better. The higher the grade on the science and math courses, the more points awarded.

The program accepts up to 10 students each year based upon clinical site availability. Acceptance letters will be emailed approximately one month after the interview process has been completed. The Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program starts each year in August.

The Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program accepts applications year-round. The application deadline each year is February 1 to be considered for the Fall Semester start date. Please select 'Fall 2026' in the 'Anticipated Starting Semester' field of the application.

Technical Standards

To be successful in the Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program, applicants and current students must meet the following technical standards with or without reasonable accommodation.

1. Candidates must have the ability to distinguish between shades of color and greyscale that will be seen in diagnostic imaging.
2. Candidates must have the ability to respond to verbal requests by patients, instructors, clinical preceptors and other caregivers.
3. Candidates must be able to move a minimum of thirty (30) pounds and be able to support up to 175 lbs. Sonographers must assist, support and move patients to and from wheelchairs and carts onto Sonographic examination tables.
4. Sonographers work in a stationary position, sometimes for hours. Candidates must be able to move among different scanning and patient care areas.
5. Sonographers must be able to instruct patients and be able to express concern and empathy for them. Candidates must possess good communications skills as

evidenced from the application and interview process. Sonographers must perform data entry with efficiency and accuracy.

6. Candidates must be mentally and physically capable of fulfilling the objectives of the Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program.

Requirements

Individuals applying to the Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a high school diploma or a certificate of equivalent education recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
2. Complete all prerequisite courses as college credit coursework with a minimum grade of “C” and a cumulative GPA of 2.75. Courses must be completed at a regionally accredited college, use a traditional letter-grade system and may not be graded as pass/no pass.
3. Complete the following college-level coursework:
 - Anatomy & Physiology I (to have been completed within the last five years)
 - Anatomy & Physiology II (to have been completed within the last five years)
 - Medical Terminology

College-level Algebra or any higher-level mathematics course (e.g. Trigonometry, Calculus, etc.) or math-based Statistics

- Physics for Allied Sciences (or College Physics)
- Interpersonal Communications (or English equivalent)

4. Maintain current Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers certification

When an applicant repeats a prerequisite course, the program will consider the highest grade earned for admission and GPA calculations. For example, if a student initially earns an “F” and later earns a “C” in the same course, the program will use the “C” as the official grade for admissions/evaluation purposes.

The Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program does not accept advanced placement, transfer students or transfer credits from any college or sonography program.

All previously completed coursework must be graded using a traditional letter-grade system. Applicants who meet most of the requirements may be considered for admission if there is clear evidence that all remaining requirements will be satisfied prior to the start of the program. The Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program does not accept pass/no pass grading for required coursework.

Conditional Admittance

Applicants who have completed Anatomy & Physiology I and are registered for Anatomy & Physiology II in the current semester of application, may still apply to the program. Applicants must provide documentation confirming enrollment in Anatomy & Physiology II at the time of application.

To remain eligible for the program, applicants must successfully complete Anatomy & Physiology II by the end of the current semester. Before the first day of the program, applicants must submit an updated official transcript demonstrating:

- Successful completion of Anatomy & Physiology II with a grade of “C” or higher
- A minimum GPA of 2.75 in all prerequisite courses

Failure to meet these requirements or to submit an updated transcript by the stated deadline will render the applicant ineligible to begin the program.

Applicants completing other prerequisite courses, may still apply to the program. Acceptance into the program will be contingent upon successful completion of all current prerequisites and submission of updated documentation as outlined above.

Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification is required for enrollment into the program but will not be asked for at the time of application. Once officially accepted into the program, you will be prompted to upload your certificate to the Campus Cafe applicant portal prior to the start of the program. Training from the following provider(s) is accepted:

- **American Heart Association (AHA)** Basic Life Support
- **CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer** from the American Red Cross

Failure to complete and submit valid certification before the first day of the program will render the applicant ineligible to begin the program.

If you have questions, please contact the Registrar at SOHPRegistrar@ccf.org for clarification.

Selective Admissions

Applicants are evaluated using a point-based system that considers interview performance, high school and college grade point averages, and completion of science and mathematics coursework with a grade of “C” or higher. Higher grades in science and mathematics coursework receive more points.

Item	Maximum Points Possible
High school GPA	20
High school science & math classes with a “C” grade or better	8
College science & math classes with a “C” grade or better	24
College prerequisite GPA	20
Interview	33

The program enrolls up to 10 students each year, based on clinical site availability. Admission decisions are communicated by email approximately one month following completion of the interview process.

Admission Documents and Requirements

An applicant is required to complete the following items after submitting their initial application in Campus Cafe in order for their application to be considered. Please note that documents marked with an asterisk (*) are **not** considered during the evaluation of applications and will **not** affect an applicant’s eligibility or admission decision. They are required, however, for administrative purposes. To begin, please select ‘Fall 20XX’ in the ‘Anticipated Starting Semester’ field of the application.

1. Submit your non-refundable \$20.00 application fee payment in [Momentum](#) and upload a copy of your payment confirmation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.*
2. Complete the Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Supplemental Application and upload the completed supplemental application form to your

applicant portal in Campus Cafe (Supplemental Application found on the Admissions webpage).

3. Complete the [Applicant Demographic Survey](#) and upload a copy of your survey completion confirmation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.*
4. Upload your current American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support or American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer certification to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.**
5. If the applicant's native language is not English, official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the Duolingo English Test (DET) are required. Applicants must have a total minimum score of 75 with written and speaking sections no less than 17 for the TOEFL. A minimum score of 105 is required for the DET. Exam date must be within two years of the program's start date. If applicable, complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or Duolingo English Test (DET) and upload a copy of your results to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
 - The English Proficiency exam cannot be waived based on prior learning or work experience. This policy ensures that all students meet the same standardized language requirements, which supports academic success and helps maintain fairness and consistency in the admissions process.
6. Request official academic transcripts. You are required to submit official transcripts from every school you have attended. High school transcript or GED is also required. All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by World Education Services (WES) on a course-by-course basis. If applicable, upload a copy of your WES transcript evaluation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe. Once received, the transcripts will be uploaded to your applicant portal by program administration.

You can submit your official transcripts through one of two methods:

1. Electronically (preferred):

Request delivery to BeachwoodDMSProgram@ccf.org

2. By mail (all paper transcripts must be submitted in an official sealed envelope):

Cleveland Clinic
Beachwood Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program
Attention: Angela Perry

3275 Science Park Drive
Beachwood, OH 44122

****The BLS certification is an admissions document that is required to be completed prior to the beginning of the program. Please see the “Conditional Admittance” section for more information.**

Additionally, applicants should be aware of the following:

1. Applicants must submit **all required** documents by February 1.
2. Applicants may be considered who meet most of the requirements if there is evidence that they will meet the requirements prior to the beginning of the program.
3. All qualified candidates must participate in a behavior-based interview by the members of the selection committee after completing the application process. Behavior-based interviews will be scheduled in February/March for applicants who have met the previous qualifications. The purpose of the behavior-based interview is to assess communication and critical thinking skills.
4. Applicants must provide a current email address with their application. This is needed to contact you for clinical observation and for access to the program learning management system. No application will be processed without a valid and current email address.
5. Applicants must complete the college credit course prerequisites. The program does not offer placement tests for the prerequisite courses.
6. Applicants accepted into the program must submit a \$300 non-refundable tuition deposit which is applied to the first semester tuition.
7. Applicants meeting the minimum criteria may be contacted to make an appointment for a behavior-based interview. Please note that meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee an interview.

Enrollment Documents and Requirements

If an applicant is accepted into the program the following items are required in order to enroll in the program. Please review the [health requirements](#) before submitting your documentation.

1. Complete and sign an Enrollment Agreement in Campus Cafe via DocuSign.

2. Complete the [Student IPEDS Survey](#) and upload a copy of your survey completion confirmation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
3. Upload your negative tuberculosis (TB) test documentation to your applicant portal in Campus Café. The TB test must be completed within 12 months prior to the start of the program.
4. Upload your immunization documentation for chicken pox (varicella) or positive titer to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
5. Upload your immunization documentation for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
6. Upload your positive hepatitis B vaccination/titer or completed waiver to your applicant portal in Campus Café (Hepatitis B vaccination/titer waiver found on the Admissions webpage).
7. Upload your tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) booster documentation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe. The booster is required within the past 10 years.
8. Influenza immunization documentation is required during flu season (November 1 through March 31). The applicant is required to upload documentation to the applicant portal in Campus Cafe if completing their application during flu season or will be required to obtain and submit documentation when the vaccination becomes available.
9. Complete the required onboarding tasks in SilkRoad. Onboarding will include a background check. Additional information will be provided following completion of the above items.

If you intend to complete a prerequisite course after submitting your application, but before the program begins, you must provide proof of course registration in your Campus Café applicant portal upon receiving a conditional offer of admission. See “Conditional Admittance” section for more information.