

Echocardiography Admissions Guide

The Echocardiography Degree offers a rewarding career as an entry level cardiac sonographer. Twice a year, in October and March, approximately 10 applicants are admitted to the Echocardiography Associate Degree through a competitive selection process. To be considered for selection, complete the steps listed on this page. Please note there are several admissions steps; it is important to get started on them right away. Below is the recommended order:

ITEM	COMPLETED
Apply to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program nwtc.edu/Apply	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submit Transcripts Send high school and college transcripts (if applicable) to transcripts@nwtc.edu	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Assessment** (If Applicable) The assessment may be waived if your high school or college GPA is 3.0 or higher; or if you have already taken the ACT or Accuplacer. It is important that all transcripts are sent (for review) to determine if the assessment is needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete the Ultrasound Information Session Log into nwtc.edu/MyNwtc and navigate to "Admissions." Select "Orientations" and complete the Ultrasound Information Session.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete the Spatial Ability Test (Score of 35+) Visit nwtc.edu/Test to select a testing location and then register for the spatial ability test. Pay the \$10 test fee when you arrive to the NWTC Assessment Center.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Algebra (NWTC Catalog #10804118) Algebra is waived if you have completed two semesters of high school algebra with a B or better, college math with a B or better, and/or college level general anatomy and physiology with a B or better.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Chemistry (NWTC Catalog #10806134) Chemistry is waived if you have completed two semesters of high school chemistry with a B or better or one semester of college level chemistry with a B or better.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Biology (NWTC Catalog #10806177) Biology is waived if you have completed two semesters of high school biology with a B or better or one semester of college level biology with a B or better.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Physics (NWTC Catalog #10806164) Physics is waived if you have completed two semesters of high school physics with a B or better or college level physics with a B or better for admissions purposes only . Please note: Physics II is required prior to starting core program courses (Physics I is not required prior to Phys II). You can be enrolled in Physics II and still be considered for ranking. Please consult with your academic advisor on when to enroll in Physics II based on your academic plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete the HESI (Composite Score of 83+) Visit nwtc.edu/HESI for more information. Test subjects include reading, math, anatomy & physiology. Assessment dates are available in June, September, and February. It is highly recommended to take college level anatomy & physiology prior to attempting the HESI.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete the Short Answer Questions Visit nwtc.edu/sonography and select the Short Answer Questionnaire. This should be the last item completed and only attempted after you have passed the HESI.	<input type="checkbox"/>

View your application checklist and progress anytime at nwtc.edu/MyNwtc! Navigate to "Admissions" and select "Application Checklist". Need Help? Contact us at 920-498-5444 or start@nwtc.edu.

When you have completed all the items on page 1, your transcripts, test results, and grades will be presented to a selection committee for review in October and/or March. If you are selected for admission to the DMS program, you will be placed on a waitlist. Below is general education coursework that you can complete prior to being selected for admission and/or during the waitlist period.

Course Name (CATALOG NUMBER)	Credits	Pre-requisite	Completed/ Semester
College 101 (10890101)	1		
General Anatomy & Physiology (10806177) <i>Grade of B or higher</i>	4	Chemistry (10806134) <i>Grade of C or higher</i>	
Advanced Anatomy & Physiology (10806179) <i>Grade of B or higher</i>	4	General Anatomy & Physiology (10806177) <i>Grade of B or higher</i>	
English Comp 1 (10801136)	3		
Introductory Statistics (10804189)	3		
Oral/Interpersonal Communications (10801196)	3		
Intro to Psychology (10809198)	3		
Intro to Diversity (10809172)	3		
Physics 2 (10806164) *	3	Please consult with your academic advisor before enrolling in this course.	Must be completed PRIOR to starting core courses.

*Physics 2 is required to be completed prior to starting core program coursework; however, your physics competency may be met with other physics coursework (please see page 1). Physics 2 has limited space - please consult with your academic advisor on when to enroll in Physics 2. In most cases, this course is not eligible for Start College Now or Youth Apprenticeship students.

** When scores are not met, it is important to work with an academic advisor to discuss which additional courses are required for admission.

Exam Name	Math	Reading	English	Elementary Algebra
ACT	18	21	21	21
Accuplacer	263	263	263	263
Accuplacer (Old)	80	90	95	65
TABE 9/10	12.8	12.6	12.8	
TABE 11/12	800	800	800	
SAT	430	500	500	500
COMPASS	50	87	91	47

FAQs

Q. What is the deadline for completing admission items?

A. All items must be successfully completed by 9/30 for the October selection and 3/1 for the March selection.

Q. When will I be notified if I am selected?

A. The selection process can take about a month to be completed. If your items are submitted by 9/30, you can expect to receive notification in early November. If your items are submitted by 3/1, you can expect to receive notification in late April.

Q. Vaccination Requirements

A. To learn more about the vaccines, such as flu, Covid-19, etc., required for this program, please visit www.nwtc.edu/cbc and select your program from the drop-down list.

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