



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Admissions

Where do I start?

The SUI website is the best place to start learning about the healthcare training program. On the SUI website, Prospective students can:

- Request information about our programs and learn the admission requirements.
- Register on our [admissions](#) page to attend or watch a recorded Info Session
- Evaluate prerequisite courses through our [Transfer Credit Database](#) to ensure you meet the General and Cardiac Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) Program admission requirements.

Do I need to attend a virtual Information Session?

All applicants for the MRI and General and Cardiac DMS programs need to attend a live webinar or watch a recorded version. The SUI Team will discuss in-depth program-related questions during the hour-long Information Session, including the application-enrollment process, program structure, tuition, program schedule, and externship.

What are the General and Program Admissions requirements to get into the SUI programs?

Please click [here](#) to read more about the General and Cardiac DMS and MRI Technology Program Admission requirements. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

What is the difference between the General and Cardiac DMS Programs?

The General DMS program prepares our students for Abdomen and Obstetrics/Gynecology registry. The Cardiac DMS program prepares our students for the Adult and Pediatric Echocardiography registry.

Can a prerequisite course be taken as Pass/Fail, Credit/No Credit, or Satisfactory?

No. SUI admissions require that all prerequisite courses be taken for a traditional letter grade of "C" or higher.

Can I transfer General Educational courses from other colleges to SUI programs?

General or Cardiac DMS Programs: we do **not** accept transfer courses.

MRI Technology Program: You may transfer the following college-level courses:

- Anatomy & Physiology (8 credits)
- College Reading (3 credits)
- Mathematics (3 credits)
- Psychology (3 credits)

The courses must be taken within 5 (five) years from the application time and earned a "C" grade minimum. A transfer credit evaluation is done upon acceptance to the MRI Technology program. A \$75 transfer credit fee will be applied.

Can the program be taken on a part-time basis?

No. SUI programs are designed for full-time enrollment.

Where do I get the Application for the programs?

After attending or watching a recorded Information Session, you can request the desired application packet via email at admissions@sui.edu. Please refer to our website for application window timeframes.



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How often do you enroll new students into the programs?

SUI admits one class annually for the Cardiac DMS and MRI Technology programs. The General DMS program has two starts a year. Please check our admissions page for program start dates as they vary.

Do you require volunteering/job shadow hours?

Although SUI no longer requires job shadowing or volunteering, we highly encourage you to do extensive research on all modalities to find the right career choice for you. Prospective students can do healthcare volunteer work, watch YouTube videos, and speak with people working in the field to determine their healthcare career goals. Prospective students should consider the length and cost of the programs. Doing thorough research is necessary for making an informed decision on how to pursue your career choice.

What are the school hours?

The school is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Currently, all in-person appointments must be scheduled ahead of time.

Are there evening or online classes available?

At this time, SUI does not offer any evening classes and has transitioned to blended teaching. Blended teaching incorporates online (synchronous and asynchronous) learning, and in-person lab teaching and clinical externships. The class schedules vary per program and will vary throughout the didactic or clinical rotations. The precise schedule is shared upon program enrollment.

The Didactic Schedule for the SUI programs:

- General DMS Program; Monday through Thursday from 8 AM -2:30 PM.
- MRI Technology Program: Monday through Thursday from 8 AM – 12 PM.
- Cardiac Sonography Program: schedule will be provided during the info session.

Can a student work while in the program?

Most SUI students work part-time during the didactic portion of the program; some students will even work full time. However, many students find it challenging to balance both work and school due to the rigorous clinical and classroom work.

Do I need to take any entrance exams to get into the program?

Yes. As part of the application process, students must pass an entrance exam within two attempts. If students need a second attempt, it must be taken at least twenty-four hours after the first attempt.

- General and CS DMS and MRI Technology Programs: Applicants will need to complete the Wonderlic Exam (SLE) with a score of 20+. The exam is proctored online, is 8 minutes long, and has 30 multiple choice and fill-in questions in English grammar and Mathematics.

Can I apply to the General or Cardiac DMS Programs before completing an associate degree or the required prerequisite courses?

Yes. If your degree or courses are in-progress, you may apply for either program with a letter from an Academic Advisor stating your courses' estimated graduation/completion date. Applicants will need to provide completed official transcripts for the degree and all prerequisite courses before they are invited to the group interview.



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How will I know if I have been accepted to a SUI program?

Upon receiving a completed application, you will be invited to a group interview; after the group interview, you will be notified via email whether you are accepted, waitlisted, or not selected for the program.

Will I be eligible to take the ARDMS exam upon program completion?

General DMS Program students can sit for the ARDMS registry examination upon completing their clinical rotation.

Cardiac DMS Program students with a bachelor's degree can sit for the exam upon program completion (Prerequisite 3A). Students with an associate degree in Allied Health are also eligible to sit for the registry exam (Prerequisite 1). Students with an associate degree in a field other than Allied Health will have the option of taking the CCI exam, which will serve as a prerequisite for the ARDMS registry exam (Prerequisite 5). To learn more about the ARDMS registry prerequisites, please read the [ARDMS disclosure](#) and go to [ARDMS.org](#) or click the link [here](#).

Is the school or programs offered at SUI accredited?

Sacramento Ultrasound Institute (SUI) has been institutionally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) since August 2015.

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS-General) at SUI has been programmatically accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) since September 2021.

CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP

How does the clinical portion of the program work?

SUI students must successfully finish the didactic portion of their program before clinical site placement. General and Cardiac DMS students must pass their SPI examination before placement. Read more about the SPI exam [here](#). The clinical site supervisor determines the schedule during the externship.

What facilities are used for the clinical experience?

SUI uses hospitals and medical clinics within and past 125 miles of the SUI campus.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Financial aid is available for those who qualify. Please see the [Financial Aid](#) section for more information. Admissions will provide basic information regarding the tuition cost breakdown, anticipated monthly payments, and possible credits towards the program during the info sessions.

SUI advises prospective students to complete the FAFSA application for the 2022-2023 years by visiting [FAFSA.ED.GOV](#) and allowing at least five-seven business days for SUI Financial Department to receive your FAFSA application. Our school code is **042537**.

Individual estimate appointments will be available to applicants who have successfully passed the Entrance Exam. The estimate will be provided before their group interview.