

# Echocardiography Admissions Guide

The Echocardiography Degree offers a rewarding career performing ultrasound imaging on adult hearts. For admission to this program, complete the steps listed on this page. Because there are several steps, it is important to get started on them right away.

ITEM	COMPLETED
<b>Apply to the Echocardiography Program</b> <a href="http://nwtc.edu/Apply">nwtc.edu/Apply</a> This is your first step – no other items need to be completed to apply! Please submit only one application to the term you plan to start taking <b>any</b> courses (including general studies) at NWTC after high school graduation or equivalent.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Submit Transcripts</b> Send high school AND college transcripts (if applicable) to <a href="mailto:transcripts@nwtc.edu">transcripts@nwtc.edu</a> NOTE: To be valid and official, transcripts must come directly from the institution to NWTC.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete Placement Assessments/Evaluation</b> Placement can be met with a high school or college GPA of 2.6 or higher, or with the ACT or Accuplacer. It is important that all transcripts are sent (for review) to determine if further assessment is needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>

By completing the items **above this point**, you'll be eligible for **preprogram status** to start general studies coursework at NWTC

**Complete all following requirements below for program admission into core coursework:**

## Coursework Requirements:

<b>Complete General Anatomy and Physiology</b> (NWTC Catalog #10806177) General Anatomy and Physiology is completed with a 4-credit hour college level General Anatomy and Physiology course with a lab, passed with a B grade (80%) or higher.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete Physics</b> (NWTC Catalog #10806164) The physics checklist requirement is met with one semester of college level 4-credit hour physics with a lab (B grade or better). Note that Physics II (B grade or better) is a requirement before beginning core courses. (Physics I is not a prerequisite for Physics II). Consult your academic advisor for scheduling courses.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete Introduction to DMS</b> (NWTC Catalog # 10526200) Introduction to DMS is completed with a 3-credit Intro to DMS course, passed with an 80% or greater. <i>*Students must first pass the HESI assessment with an 87 composite score or greater (no rounding) to enroll in this course.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Informational and Assessment Requirements:

<b>Complete the Sonography Info Session</b> Once you are accepted as a preprogram student, you will be assigned an action item to complete this brief informational video within your student portal. You will be able to access the link for this item directly in your student checklist by selecting "Begin Module" once it is available to you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete the Spatial Ability Test</b> (Score of 40+) <i>**Fee associated (approximately \$10)</i> Visit <a href="http://nwtc.edu/Test">nwtc.edu/Test</a> to select an NWTC Campus testing location and then register for the in-person spatial ability assessment. Please refer to the Assessment Center website for more information on testing dates and fees.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete the HESI</b> (Composite Score 87+ No Rounding) <i>*Fee associated (approximately \$51)</i> Visit <a href="http://www.nwtc.edu/HESI">http://www.nwtc.edu/HESI</a> for more information and study resources. Test subjects include math and anatomy & physiology. Assessment dates are available in May, August, and November in-person only, must be completed at an NWTC Campus location. <i>*Please complete a college level General Anatomy &amp; Physiology course first prior to attempting the HESI.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Stay on Track with Your Application!

View your application checklist and track your progress by logging into your NWTC Student Portal

[student-portal.nwtc.edu/Admissions/NextSteps](http://student-portal.nwtc.edu/Admissions/NextSteps)

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The Echocardiography Program admits a limited number of students each year. Once the cohort reaches full capacity, eligible students will be placed on a waitlist. You will become eligible for the waitlist once all requirements listed on page 1 have been successfully completed. Please be aware that wait times may vary depending on student interest and program availability. In the meantime, we encourage you to complete the following courses:

Course Name (CATALOG NUMBER)	Credits	Comments	Completed/Semester
<b>College 101</b> (10890101)	1		
<b>General Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b> (10806177)	4	Prerequisite: Chemistry (10806134)	
<b>Advanced Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b> 10806179	4		
<b>Oral/Interpersonal Comm</b> (10801196)	3		
<b>Intro to Psychology</b> (10809198)	3		
<b>English Comp 1</b> (10801136)	3		
<b>Intro to Diversity Studies</b> (10809172)	3	Alternative courses: Intro to American Gov't(10809122), Intro to Ethics(10809166), Intro to Sociology(10809196), Economics(10809195)	
<b>Introductory Statistics</b> (10804189)	3		
<b>Physics 2</b> (10806164)	4		

**\*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.**

#### FAQs

**Q.** How long is the waitlist?

**A.** Wait times vary based on program demand and space. You will become eligible for the waitlist once all admissions requirements are complete and you are academically prepared for core coursework. Tentative start dates for core classes are released each December for the next available summer/fall cohort, and each July for Spring admits (according to when your program accepts students for each cohort). Be aware that wait times may extend to multiple semesters or years.

**Q.** What if I have transfer credits?

**A.** A transfer of credit review is automatically completed AFTER you have applied AND submitted your official transcripts. If you had fewer than 60 college credits at a C or higher, you must also send your high school transcript. It can take around 2+ weeks for transfer credits to be processed.

**Q.** What if I don't have a 2.6 GPA or my scores are not high?

**A.** It is common for students to take developmental courses to ensure their success at NWTC. Your first step is to apply and send your transcripts. Once your transcripts are processed, you may need additional testing to help determine which courses to start with. You will have the opportunity to work with an academic advisor to determine course placement and your academic plan.

**Q.** How flexible is the schedule?

**A.** Once students begin their core coursework, this program is available only as a full-time, in-person offering during daytime hours. Due to the hands-on nature of the skill training involved, no online options are available. Students should expect to commit approximately 40 hours per week to in-person activities, including lectures, labs, and study time on the Green Bay campus, as well as clinical experiences at external sites throughout the district.

**Q.** What are the accreditation and program outcomes?

**A.** Accreditation for Echocardiography: The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program – Adult Cardiac is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)). Graduates are qualified to take the Adult Echocardiography and Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (SPI) examination through the Association of Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) and Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS) examination through Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI).

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