

Echocardiography Admissions Guide

The Echocardiography Degree offers a rewarding career performing ultrasound imaging on adult hearts. To progress through the admissions process, please review and complete the steps listed on this page.

ITEM	COMPLETED
Apply to the Echocardiography Program nwtc.edu/Apply This is your first step – no other items need to be completed to apply! Please submit only <u>one</u> application to the term you plan to start taking any courses (including general studies) at NWTC after high school graduation or equivalent.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submit Transcripts Send high school AND college transcripts (if applicable) to transcripts@nwtc.edu NOTE: To be valid and official, transcripts must come directly from the institution to NWTC.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Placement Assessments/Evaluation 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

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS	COMPLETED
Complete General Anatomy and Physiology (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"/>
Complete Physics (NWTC Catalog #10806164) The physics checklist requirement is met with 1 semester of college level 4-credit hour physics with a lab (B or better). Note that Physics II (B 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"/>
Complete Intro to DMS (NWTC Catalog #10526200) Introduction to Radiography is completed with a 3-credit Intro to Radiography course. Students must pass the HESI assessment with a 77 composite score or greater (no rounding) to enroll.	<input type="checkbox"/>

INFO AND ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS	COMPLETED
Complete the Sonography Info Session 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 application checklist by selecting "Begin Module" once it is available to you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete the Spatial Ability Test (Score of 40+) **Fee associated (approximately \$10) Visit nwtc.edu/Test to select an NWTC Test Center and then register for the in-person spatial ability assessment. Please refer to the Test Center website for more information on testing dates and fees.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete the HESI (Composite Score 87+ No Rounding) *Fee Associated Approximately \$51 Visit http://www.nwtc.edu/HESI for more information, including registration and study resources. Test subjects: math and anatomy & physiology. Assessment dates are available in May, August, and November. Must be completed at an NWTC location. Please complete a college level general anatomy and physiology course first prior to attempting the HESI.	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Echocardiography (Echo) 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
College 101 (10890101)	1		
English Comp 1 (10801136)	3		
General Anatomy & Physiology (10806177) Must earn a B grade or higher	4	Prerequisite: Chemistry (10806134)	
Advanced Anatomy & Physiology (10806179) Must earn a B grade or higher	4		
Oral/Interpersonal Comm (10801196)	3		
Intro to Diversity Studies (10809172)	3	Alternative courses: Intro to American Gov't(10809122), Intro to Ethics(10809166), Intro to Sociology(10809196), Economics(10809195)	
Intro to Psychology (10809198)	3		
Introductory Statistics (10804189)	3		
*Physics 2 (10806164)	4		

After your application and all transcripts have been submitted and reviewed and you are eligible to enroll, it's important to connect with your academic advisor to discuss appropriate course placement.

*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 summer cohort, February for the fall cohort, and July for the spring cohort, according to when your program accepts students for each year or term. Be aware that wait times may extend to multiple semesters or years.

Q. What if I have transfer credits?

A. A transfer 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 NWTC your transcripts for review. Once your transcripts are processed, you may need additional testing to help determine which courses to start with. We will send communication if additional steps are needed towards determining your course placement.

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, clinical and study time on the Green Bay campus, as well as clinical experiences at external sites throughout the district.

Q. 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). 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).

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

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