

College of the Canyons
Sonography Program
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2024; 5:30-6:30pm

Convened: 5:32 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:24 p.m.

Attendees:

Lak Dhillon	Department Chair, DMS / COC
Jaya George	Full-Time Faculty & Faculty Director, PTA / COC
Anna Hillary	Full-Time Faculty & Faculty Director, OTA / COC
Arnak Hovasapyan	DMS, MS, ARDMS, RVT, DCS / Casa Loma College
Romina Macias	Full-Time Faculty, OTA / COC
Tara Patalano	DMS, Owner / On-Site Ultrasound
Karen Ruballo	Education Coordinator, Diagnostic Imaging Dept. / Kaiser Permanente
Kathleen Welch	Dean, School of Health Professions / COC
Sara	

The meeting begins with member introductions.

A quick recap of the Spring 2022 advisory board meeting minutes was reviewed with the Board.

Program Overview

- The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Mission Statement was shared with the Board.
- Program accreditation by Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) will be requested once the first cohort begins.
- Registry recognition by American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) as well as American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) will be requested.
- Lak Dhillon discussed the structure and requirements of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate's Degree Program, which is projected to begin in Fall 2025.
- Accreditation and Program Prerequisites (33 units/522 lecture hrs./108 lab hrs.):
 - *BIOSCI 201 (accreditation requirement) - 4 units*
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 - *Economics 170 - 3 units*
 - *Political Science 150 - 3 units*
 - *ETHNST 101 - 3 units*
 - *Math 100 or 140 (accreditation requirement) – 4 units*
 - *REC 120 or any KPEA – 2 units*
 - *Physics 101 (accreditation requirement) – 3 units*
 - *COM 150 – 3 units*
 - *ENG 101 (accreditation requirement) – 4 units*
- Summer 2025 (18 lecture hrs./27 lab hrs.):
 - *DMS 100: Fundamentals of Sonography – 0 units*
- Semester 1 – Fall 2025 (12.5 units/207 lecture hrs./108 lab hrs.):
 - *HLHSCI 249: Medical Terminology – 3 units*
 - *DMS 101: Patient Care Techniques for Sonographers – 2.5 units*
 - *DMS 102: Sectional Anatomy – 2 units*

- *DMS 110: Abdominal Sonography – 5 units*
- *Semester 2 – Spring 2026 (12 units/171 lecture hrs./135 lab hrs.):*
 - *DMS 120: Sonography of OB/Gynecology – 5 units*
 - *DMS 130: Ultrasound Physics – 4 units*
 - *DMS 115: Vascular I – 3 units*
- *Semester 3 – Fall 2026 (12 units/54 lecture hrs./108 lab hrs.):*
 - *DMS 200: Advanced Sonographic Practices – 2 units*
 - *DMS 125: Vascular II – 3 units*
 - *DMS 240: Clinical I – 7 units*
- *Winter 2026 (3 units/189 clinical hrs.):*
 - *DMS 250: Clinical II – 3.5 units*
- *Semester 4 – Spring 2027 (12 units/486 clinical hrs.):*
 - *DMS 300: Registry Review – 3 units*
 - *DMS 260: Clinical III – 9 units*
- In total, the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate’s Degree Program will require the following:
 - 33 GE and prerequisite units
 - 51.5 Core course units
 - 504 lecture hours
 - 378 lab hours
 - 1,053 clinical hours
- Tara Patalano suggested that students be required to take the SPI Exam.
- As suggested by Arnak Hovasapyan, the SPI Exam should count as the final exam for students if they are able to pass the test.

– **Program Status**

- The curriculum that is currently being reviewed by the and course descriptions for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate’s Degree Program was shared with the Board.
- The curriculum is currently being reviewed by the Curriculum Committee.
- The cost of the program will total \$3,887.00, excluding the cost of required books.
- The handbook, which will outline the program overview, requirements, and policies, is currently under development.
- Equipment/simulation requests will be requested this Fall and acquired late Spring 2025.
- Sara suggested that GE Fortices be purchased for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program.
- Tara Patalano will connect Lak Dhillon with a contact person who may be interested in donating a GE Voluson machine.