Lone Star College- CyFair
Diagnostic Medical Sonography & Echocardiography Program
Application Information and Checklist – 2012

Please Note: Applications will not be accepted until March 7, 2012. Applications must be turned in to the Sonography Program by June 7, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. (Absolutely NO LATE applications or miscellaneous/missing forms will be accepted).

All applicants must attend a current information session scheduled during the fall and spring semesters of 2011/2012 prior to the application deadline. A certificate will be distributed at the end of the session and is required to complete your file.

Acceptance into the Sonography/Echo program is determined by a point-system process. The distribution of points is divided into the following categories:

1. Prerequisite Grades: BIOL 2401 & 2402, PHYS 1401/1410, ENGL 1301, MATH 1314 to include ITSC 1401 OR COSC 1401 for the ECHO program with a grade “C” or better and completed by June 7, 2012 will earn points toward admission. For more information view the Advisor Checklist or Selection Criteria Worksheet at the Sonography website (www.lonestar.edu/sonography). A&P classes must have been taken within the past 5 years from the start of the program the student is applying for. Older A&P classes can either be repeated for a new grade, LSCS offers A&P “refresher” courses; which when completed will allow applicants to use their original A&P grade on the student’s application. For more information, speak with a program faculty or staff member about the 5-year A&P requirement and the A&P refresher course offerings.

2. PSB Exam scores. (Note: Students take the PSB exam ONLY during the application period).

3. Corequisites: SOCI 1301, ITSC/COSC 1401, and a Humanities/Fine Arts elective completed before the application deadline will earn points for admission.

4. Prior medical experience, training, or licensure is helpful, and will earn extra selection points. Students who possess approved, current credentials from an approved health care accreditation agency can earn up to 20 points towards their selection score. Students must contact sonography department faculty or staff prior to application deadline to check approval and point-equivalency.

5. Volunteer/Work-related experience in healthcare

This section’s points cannot be combined in any way. Students should consult the Selection Criteria Worksheet for point-equivalency and choose only ONE of the options detailed in this section on the Selection Criteria Worksheet.

a. Prospective students can schedule an appointment through the Sonography Department and spend one hour-long session as a Model Patient for current sonography students. (Note: Students should consult the Model Patient Form for guidelines for this particular process).

b. A minimum of 40-hours volunteer service in sonography will earn points towards admission. Please contact local hospitals and sign up with their volunteer service center for volunteer service hours. (Healthcare Experience Verification Forms are available for download from the sonography program’s website www.lonestar.edu/sonography).

c. Students with approved work experience in healthcare are awarded points based on length of time employed. Use the Healthcare Experience Verification Form as well.

d. An Introduction to Allied Health Continuing education course is offered at Lone Star College- CyFair, and will earn points toward admission to the program. Additional Imaging or Patient Care related classes are available as well; contact the Sonography Department to see if prospective class is eligible for points on the Selection Criteria Worksheet.

6. Selection for an interview will be based on the score awarded on the Selection Process Worksheet (refer to Selection Process Work sheet total score).

Demonstrate college level reading, writing and math skills to meet TSI requirements for the Lone Star College System

If any course substitutions are needed for transferred classes, students must obtain the needed information and necessary forms from the specific academic division needed. Ensure necessary time is allowed for approval and completion of course substitution process BEFORE the application deadline. Classes not taken or properly substituted before the deadline will NOT count towards credit on a student’s score sheet.

Upon acceptance, you will be asked to complete a criminal background check that is required by our clinical affiliates.

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A COMPLETED FILE MUST CONTAIN COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

1. Signed certificate of attendance at a current Information Session as scheduled on the program’s website.
2. Signed Advisor Checklist.
3. Sonography Admission Application. (With current address and phone number)
4. PSB Score Sheet.
5. Lone Star College- CyFair Documentation of Required Immunizations Form.
6. Two sets of official transcripts from ALL institutions previously attended (One set to Lone Star College- CyFair Student Services Department and the other set to be included with the completed Application Packet).

*You may mail or bring in transcripts or transcript evaluations with your application only if they are in an official, sealed envelope; otherwise transcripts must be mailed directly from the institution(s) to our office.

*Applicants who have attended high school and/or college in another country must have their transcripts evaluated and converted to USA credits by an outside commercial company accepted by Lone Star College- CyFair.

7. A completed Healthcare Experience Verification Form with proper signatures. (If applicable)
8. Copies of your ARRT, RN, or RRT etc., registry/certification/license. (If applicable)

All forms may be downloaded from the program’s website at www.lonestar.edu/sonography.
For any assistance in applying contact the Allied Health Assistant at (281) 290-3275 or by e-mail at cfsongraphy@lonestar.edu.