Baton Rouge Community College
Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
in
DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY
APPLICATION PACKET

APPLICATION and
TRANSCRIPT DEADLINE
Friday, October 16, 2020 @ 3:00 pm

INCOMPLETE OR
LATE APPLICATIONS
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Deliver completed application IN PERSON to:
BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH
FRONT LOBBY OF FRAZIER BUILDING
PLACE IN COLLECTION BOX

555 JULIA STREET,
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70802

Applications MUST be delivered IN PERSON to the FRONT LOBBY OF FRAZIER BUILDING OR postal mailed. See information in these instructions. Applications WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY FAX, EMAIL or PHONE

For additional information please contact:
Michael Beauford, Program Manager @ beaufordm@mybrcc.edu
PHONE: (225) 216-8046

It is the policy of Baton Rouge Community College not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, religion, national origin or disability in its educational programs, activities or employment policies.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE BRCC DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM

Note: Read ALL of this information. You alone are responsible for proper application & documentation.

- For all questions or issues, please contact Michael Beauford, Sonography Program Manager at beaufordm@mybrcc.edu or phone (225) 216-8046. Be aware that due to Covid-19 restrictions, I may not be in the office every day. Leave a message or an email and I will contact you as soon as possible.
- Applications are available each academic year in the fall semester ONLY
- Information for prerequisites and the application is available on the BRCC website in the Sonography pages
- Group Information Meetings are scheduled each semester. Attend a meeting to receive all program information and for answers to your questions. The meeting schedule is published on the BRCC website in the Sonography information pages. You do not need to reserve a place at the meetings. Meetings are held online in ZOOM.
- Entry into the Sonography program is COMPETITIVE. MEETING PREREQUISITE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM
- Entrance is determined by GPA in the 30 hours of prerequisites, score on the ATI TEAS exam and performance in SONO 1011, Foundations of Sonography. If you have not taken SONO 1011, you must qualify under the Governing Catalog Rule – See this information in this instruction booklet on page #8.
- A limited number of students are admitted, determined by clinical site availability.
- Classes in the Sonography program (not prerequisites) are FULL TIME -- 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday
- The Sonography program is four (4) semesters, starting each January and graduating in May of the following year.
- If you desire academic advising or have any questions about the program or application process, you may schedule an appointment with an advisor by calling (225) 216-8046 OR email beaufordm@mybrcc.edu

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- The application deadline is published with this application. THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE EXTENDED.
- You must print and complete the one page application and bring it in person to the front lobby of Frazier Building.
- You may postal mail the application - it must be RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 16th
- Mail to:
  Baton Rouge Community College
  Attn: Mike Beauford, Sonography
  Frazier Building Room 200
  555 Julia Street
  Baton Rouge, LA  70802
- Applications are not accepted by email, fax or phone – IN PERSON OR POSTAL MAIL ONLY.
- Entrance testing will be done through ATI, online from your home with an online proctor.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be held. All required information and a photograph must accompany the application for it to be accepted.
- You must submit with the application A PRINTED TRANSCRIPT showing a GRADE or “P” for all prerequisite classes, whether taken at BRCC and/or other institutions.
- IF COURSE WORK TAKEN AT ANOTHER INSTITUTION IS VISIBLE ON YOUR BRCC TRANSCRIPT, YOU NEED TO SUBMIT ONE PRINTED OFFICIAL BRCC TRANSCRIPT ONLY. IF WORK FROM THE OTHER INSTITUTION IS NOT VISIBLE, YOU MUST SUBMIT TWO (2) OFFICIAL PRINTED TRANSCRIPTS FOR THOSE INSTITUTIONS.
- TRANSCRIPTS FROM OTHER COLLEGES MUST BE OFFICIAL AND SHOW AN INSTITUTION’S LETTER HEADING. If necessary, contact the issuing college to access their transcript services.
- Printed transcripts may require a few days to a week or more to be issued to you and may require a payment. Do this early – the application deadline is firm
- Do not wait until the last days of the application period to resolve any transcript issues - from BRCC or other institutions. LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
- You must attach a 2 INCH X 2 INCH COLOR PHOTO to the application. This does not need to be a passport photo.
Driving Directions:
From West of BR (using Miss River Bridge):
Use the Nicholson Drive exit ON THE BRIDGE – at the foot of the exit look to your left for the BRCC electronic sign
Turn left at the light on Terrace Street, make one block to the left and enter the fenced parking lot

From East and South of BR:
Interstate 10W to I-110 North (pass up the Mississippi River Bridge)
Exit Government Street (right side exit - do not use casino exit on Govt. St. exit ramp – go to the traffic light)
Left on Government St. toward downtown BR to St. Ferdinand Street (about 2 -3 miles – continue directions below)

From North of BR:
Interstate 110 South toward downtown BR – exit Government Street – left exit before the Mississippi River Bridge
Right on Government Street toward downtown BR to St. Ferdinand Street (about 2 -3 miles – continue directions below)

Left on St. Ferdinand St. (Frost Top Cafe on left - Chevron station at intersection - River Center & court house on right)
Pass under interstate bridge at South Blvd. & ahead around curve ½ mile to BRCC on left at Julia Street
Look for BRCC electronic sign - white steel building on your left - park in fenced parking lot across Julia Street

Deposit your application in the SONOGRAPHY APPLICATION collection box.
Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified of any issues.
PROGRAM INFORMATION

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers, also known as Ultrasonographers, use special equipment to direct sound waves into areas of the patient’s body. Sonographers operate the equipment that collects reflections and forms an image that is digitally recorded for interpretation and diagnosis by a physician. The Sonographer may be employed in a variety of health care settings. Obstetric and Gynecologic sonographers specialize in the study of the developing fetus and the female reproductive system. Abdominal sonographers inspect a patient’s abdominal cavity to help diagnose conditions. Completion of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program provides graduates with an educational foundation and technical skills competency required for entry level into the Sonography workforce.

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at BRCC is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). For information about CAAHEP accreditation, please visit the CAAHEP website at http://www.caahep.org

“CAAHEP IS A PROGRAMMATIC POSTSECONDARY ACCREDITING AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION (CHEA) AND CARRIES OUT ITS ACCREDITING ACTIVITIES IN COOPERATION WITH 23 REVIEW COMMITTEES (COMMITTEES ON ACCREDITATION). CAAHEP CURRENTLY ACCredits OVER 2100 ENTRY LEVEL EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN 28 HEALTH SCIENCE PROFESSIONS.”

CONTACT CAAHEP AT 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33763 Phone: 727-210-2350

Graduation from the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) provides eligibility for graduates to seek certification through the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS). The only means of obtaining the Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS) credential is by examination after completion of the BRCC Sonography program. Applicants are required to pass comprehensive physics and specialty examinations to earn the RDMS credentials. For information about sonography specialties and registration, please visit the ARDMS website at http://www.ardms.org

The ARDMS may take action against an Applicant, Candidate, Individual or Registrant in the case of conviction, plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere to any crime. The Applicant, Candidate, Individual or Registrant may be subject to discipline and/or sanctions for specified violations of ARDMS policies, procedures and/or requirements for eligibility for certification and/or recertification, in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board of Directors.

THE APPLICANT SHOULD RETAIN A COPY OF THE APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. THE DIVISION OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH WILL NOT RETURN THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION OR ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE SENT TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE NUMBER PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

Admission to the Sonography program is competitive and will be based on the following criteria: 1) GPA in 30 credit hours of required prerequisite courses. 2) score on Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) entrance exam 3) Score in SONO 1011, Foundations of Sonography (see notes about SONO 1011 in these instructions).

It is important to understand that simply meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the Sonography program. Entry is competitive based on the stated criteria.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Attend a Sonography information meeting to obtain the latest pertinent information. The schedule is available on the BRCC website in the Sonography pages.

2. Applicant must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher in the following 30 credit hours of courses (not the overall GPA)

3. Applicant must have a grade of “C” or higher in each of the following 30 credit hours of courses (no D or F)

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¹ Must be a SACS approved Humanities course – see current SONO Information packet or speak with an advisor

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4. YOU MUST SUBMIT A PRINTED TRANSCRIPT WITH THE APPLICATION WHICH INCLUDES ALL PREREQUISITES FINISHED AT BRCC AND/OR ANOTHER INSTITUTION. IF WORK DONE AT ANOTHER COLLEGE IS CURRENTLY VISIBLE ON YOUR BRCC TRANSCRIPT, YOU NEED TO SUBMIT ONLY ONE PRINTED OFFICIAL BRCC TRANSCRIPT.

IF WORK DONE AT ANOTHER INSTITUTION IS NOT VISIBLE ON YOUR BRCC TRANSCRIPT, YOU MUST SUBMIT TWO (2) OFFICIAL PRINTED TRANSCRIPTS FROM THE OTHER COLLEGE, AND ONE OFFICIAL PRINTED TRANSCRIPT FOR ANY COURSES TAKEN AT BRCC. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT A SONOGRAPHY FACULTY MEMBER.

AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT MUST BE REQUESTED FROM THE ISSUING INSTITUTION AND MAY REQUIRE A FEW DAYS OR A WEEK OR MORE TO BE PREPARED AND ISSUED TO YOU AND MAY INVOLVE SOME EXPENSE. DO NOT DELAY REQUESTING A PRINTED TRANSCRIPT IF NEEDED. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE WILL NOT BE EXTENDED.

5. Register at the ATI TEAS website and create a student account. Pay the TEAS test fee and proctoring fee directly to ATI. See instructions on page #7

6. Take and pass ATI TEAS entrance exam with a minimum score of 65%. You will test online from home using the proctoring service. You may test only once during this application period.

7. SUBMIT COMPLETED AND SIGNED SONOGRAPHY APPLICATION TO THE COLLECTION BOX IN THE FRAZIER BUILDING FRONT LOBBY BY THE DEADLINE INDICATED. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER FRAZIER BUILDING. IF YOU HAVE ISSUES TO DICUSS YOU MUST EMAIL MIKE BEAUFORD AT beaufordm@mybrcc.edu LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED & APPLICATION MUST BE DELIVERED BY YOU IN PERSON - OR

8. You may postal mail the application - it must be RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 16th

Mail to:
Baton Rouge Community College
Attn: Mike Beauford, Sonography
Frazier Building Room 200
555 Julia Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

9. If you wish to apply for the Sonography program and you have not taken SONO 1011, Foundations of Sonography, you MUST QUALIFY under the Governing Catalog Rule. See the rule in these instructions on page 8. Your transcript will be checked for compliance with this rule. If not in compliance, your application may not be accepted.

SELECTION NOTIFICATION

1. All applicants will be notified of admission status (admitted or denied) by Dec 20, 2020.

2. Students admitted to the Sonography program will receive an acceptance letter and information regarding the following additional requirements. All of these requirements must be completed by the start of classes in January. The required forms will be supplied with the acceptance packet. A list of Baton Rouge area vendors for the various requirements will be included in the acceptance packet.

3. Requirements include:
   a) Health History, Physical Examination, TB Skin Test, Immunizations and/or Titors
   b) Urine Drug Screen
   c) Criminal Background Checks and fingerprinting

4. Students who accept the offer for admission must attend a MANDATORY Sonography orientation session conducted on the first day of class. Students not attending the first day orientation may be denied entrance to the program.

5. Students not accepted for admission may schedule an appointment for academic advising to determine your placement among the applicants and to develop an academic strategy to improve GPA and TEAS scores if you wish to reapply for the next admission year.
SONOGRAPHY APPLICATION

YOU MUST PRINT & COMPLETE THIS ONE PAGE APPLICATION

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2. Printed Transcript(s) attached

3. List name(s) of school(s) attended:

4. Have you previously taken the Sonography entrance exam at BRCC (TEAS)

5. If you answered yes to question #4 would you like to use that score this application

* PERSONAL INFORMATION * PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY *

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Mailing Address

City / State

Home Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

E-Mail Address (ALL communication will be sent to this address)

BRCC ID# (B or L Number)

DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)

I would like to apply for admission to the Sonography program. I understand that any attempt to falsify or exclude information is cause for disqualification of my application and / or dismissal from the Sonography program. I hereby certify that all information presented is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Received by __________________________ Date/Time __________________________

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SONOGRAPHY ATI TEAS EXAM INFORMATION

You may order study materials online at http://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/TEAS-Products.aspx

You MUST complete the TEAS with a score of at least 65%; however, higher scores are more competitive.

You may take the TEAS exam only once during the application period.

The ATI TEAS will be administered ONLINE by Assessment Technologies Institute, Inc. (ATI). The exam will be monitored using Proctorio, an online proctor service. You will need your Louisiana Driver License or other state issued ID – the BRCC ID is not accepted for the exam.

You must use either a desktop, a laptop or Chromebook computer equipped with a PC camera and microphone to take the exam. You MUST have the latest version of CHROME loaded to your computer. YOU CANNOT TAKE THE TEAS EXAM ON A NOTEBOOK, NOTEPAD OR SMARTPHONE. If you do not have a desktop, laptop or Chromebook computer with PC camera and microphone you must arrange to borrow, rent or go to an internet kiosk to use a properly equipped desktop or laptop computer.

All applicants will test at 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 or Wednesday, October 28 – your choice. Please clear your schedules for the test day of your choice. You MUST perform a system check of your computer, PC cam and microphone on Monday, October 26 to be certain you can properly access Proctorio. You should plan four hours for the exam. Specific information will be provided after the close of the application period on October 16th.

You must create a student account with Assessment Technologies Institute, Inc. (ATI) in order to access the TEAS exam. If you opened a student account to access the study materials, your account is sufficient to access the exam. To create an account, follow the instructions on this link: “HOW TO CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT”. On the Institution Info page, select BRCC AH from the list and enter May 20, 2022 for the Expected Graduation Date. Some fields on several pages are marked OPTIONAL; that is, you are not required to enter that information. Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*). If you do not provide valid information, a dialog box will inform you that an answer is required.

When you have created your account, the next time you log on, the Sign On window displays and your new Username is filled in for you. Enter your Password and click GO to launch the Student Home page. Browse the website to familiarize yourself with the student pages.

DO NOT PAY FOR THE TEAS EXAM UNTIL THE DAY YOU WILL TAKE THE EXAM. On the day of the exam, you will need a charge card or debit card to pay ATI for the exam. THE EXAM FEE IS $70.

ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS BEFORE THE EXAM.

If you do not achieve the minimum TEAS score of 65%, it is recommended that you schedule an appointment with an advisor. We can discuss your placement in the group of applicants and help determine a strategy to improve your GPA and/or TEAS score if you wish to reapply to the next admission class.

Please email Mike Beauford, Sonography Program Manager at beaufordm@mybrcc.edu to schedule an appointment.
Governing Catalog Rule Explanation

**Note:** Students who have not completed SONO 1011, *Foundations of Sonography*, must qualify under the Governing Catalog Rule as described below. To qualify, you must have been continuously enrolled in BRCC since the 2018-2019 Academic Year and have missed no more than one semester (not including summer term). If you have questions please contact Michael Beauford at beaufordm@mybecc.edu

Academic Policies

**The College Catalog**
The Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) Catalog is an official document of the College. The Catalog guides students through their time of study at BRCC by providing them with critical information on the College’s academic programs and their requirements, the services and programs BRCC offers to students and the community, the College’s regulations and policies, and its operational procedures. Students are responsible for knowing the regulations, policies, academic program, and graduation requirements cited in the catalog, and are required to adhere to them unless differing policies have been set by the LCTCS Board of Supervisors.

**Governing Catalog**
The most recently electronically published BRCC Catalog is the governing version and is effective Fall Semester of the academic year. Addendums to the catalog may be published as appropriate from time to time. The College Catalog is available on the College website at WWW.mybrcc.edu.

**Catalog of Entry**
The catalog in effect when a student declares his or her major is considered to be that student’s catalog of entry. This catalog is used to determine degree requirements. The catalog of entry remains in effect for a student unless he or she is out of school for a full semester or longer.

**Change of Catalogs**
Students can officially declare a subsequent catalog as their catalog of entry. A student who wishes to exercise this option must officially change his or her designated catalog of entry through the Office of Enrollment Services.

If a student remains out of school for two full semesters or longer, the student must re-enter the selected degree program under the governing catalog upon re-entry.

**Change of Major or Program of Study**
Students may transfer from one degree, technical diploma or certificate program to another, and nondegree-seeking students can declare a major/program of study at any time. Prior to changing their major, students should first consult with their assigned faculty advisor to ensure they fully understand the requirements of the new degree/program of study. In order to officially change their major/program of study, students must follow the necessary protocols established by the Registrar.

The requirements for a new major/program of study are found in the governing catalog at the time the major/program of study is declared. Coursework and grade point averages earned in an earlier major/program of study remain part of any transcripts and records. However, only courses and grades applicable to the new major/program of study are used to determine qualifications to graduate.
1. **Is the BRCC Sonography program accredited?**

   Yes. The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at BRCC is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). For information about CAAHEP accreditation, please visit the CAAHEP website at [http://www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org) “CAAHEP is a programmatic postsecondary accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and carries out its accrediting activities in cooperation with 23 review committees (Committees on Accreditation). CAAHEP currently accredits over 2,100 entry level education programs in 28 health science professions.” Contact CAAHEP at 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33763  Phone: 727-210-2350

2. **What are prerequisites?**

   Prerequisites are courses that must be completed before another course can be taken. For example, BIOL 2224 has a prerequisite of BIOL 2214 … you must complete BIOL 2214 prior to scheduling BIOL 2224.

3. **What prerequisite courses are required for Sonography?**

   Nine prerequisite courses are required to apply for admission to the Sonography program:

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   † Must be a SACS approved Humanities course – see current SONO Information Packet or speak with an advisor.

4. **What grades must I have in my prerequisite courses?**

   Sonography program applicants must have a grade of “C” or higher in each of the prerequisite courses. Additionally, your GPA in the prerequisite courses must be 2.75 or higher. Your prerequisite GPA may be different from your overall GPA.

5. **When can I apply to the Sonography program?**

   Applications will be available once per year. We accept applications during the fall semester and classes begin in the spring. It is important for applicants to attend a Sonography informational / advising session. The schedule is available on the BRCC website in the Sonography information pages [http://www.mybrcc.edu/academics/nursing_and_allied_health/aassonography.php](http://www.mybrcc.edu/academics/nursing_and_allied_health/aassonography.php)

6. **What does “selective admissions” mean?**

   Completing the prerequisites does not guarantee acceptance into the Sonography program. Baton Rouge Community College’s (BRCC) Sonography program seeks highly qualified students. Students with higher GPAs in the prerequisite courses, and a higher score on the entrance exam will be ranked higher in the applicant pool. *Keep in mind that a student who meets the minimum requirements must compete against a student who exceeds the minimum requirements. However, no student is guaranteed admission.*

7. **How will my GPA be calculated?**

   Only the prerequisite courses are used to calculate each applicant’s composite GPA. *Since admission is competitive, the higher the composite GPA, the better the chance of admission.* The GPA is calculated to the third decimal place (ie: 3.333). The prerequisite GPA may be different from the overall GPA.

8. **Is there an entrance exam? Is there a study guide?**

   The Sonography entrance exam is a standardized aptitude test that is administered on BRCC’s campus. A minimum passing score of 65 is required. A study guide for the test is available here, [http://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/TEAS-Products.aspx](http://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/TEAS-Products.aspx) The exam is the Test of Essential Academic Skills or TEAS, written by Assessment Technologies, Inc., referred to as ATI.
9. **How many applicants will be selected for admission?**  
Several factors will determine the actual number of students admitted:  
- availability of faculty  
- availability of clinical sites  
- availability of classroom and lab space  
- at this time 10 students are admitted in each class

10. **Do you have a waiting list?**  
No, we do not have a waiting list. Applicants who are not admitted must maintain their eligibility and reapply to the Sonography program during the next application cycle.

11. **Can I go to school part-time?**  
It is possible to complete prerequisite courses on a part-time schedule; however, the Sonography program is full-time, meaning 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. The program includes school-based instruction and hospital based internship.

12. **How long is the program?**  
Four (4) full-time academic semesters of Sonography courses. Students begin the program in January and graduate May of the next year, or approximately 17 months.

13. **Will transfer credit be accepted?**  
Credit may be accepted for non-Sonography prerequisites transferred from an accredited college or university. For details, check with BRCC’s Enrollment Office. Transfer credit will not be granted for any Sonography courses.

14. **How can I set up an appointment for advisement?**  
Group advisement sessions are held to advise students. The advisement schedule is posted online here>>  
http://www.mybrcc.edu/academics/nursing_and_allied_health/aassonography.php  
If you need individual advisement, you may schedule an appointment with an advisor by calling 225-216-8044

15. **What time will courses be offered?**  
The prerequisite courses and general education courses in the Sonography curriculum may be offered during the day, evening, weekend or online. Sonography courses are Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm and must be taken in sequence. All Sonography courses are face-to-face format.

16. **Does BRCC offer childcare?**  
Not at the present time.

17. **Which hospitals will students go to for clinical learning experiences?**  
Clinical learning experiences may be scheduled at any of the area healthcare agencies with which we are affiliated.

18. **Can I continue to work during enrollment in the Sonography program?**  
It is strongly recommended that students do not work during the academic semester. The program is very demanding. Students who do work must do so in the evenings and on weekends.

19. **Are student loans available? Will financial aid apply?**  
BRCC offers student loans. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at (225) 216-8000.

20. **Why do I have to submit to a criminal background check?**  
Certain criminal activity, as evident by criminal background check, may disqualify a student from admission to clinical agencies as determined by affiliation agreements. The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) may take action against an Applicant, Candidate, Individual or Registrant in the case of conviction, plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere to any crime. Students with legal issues may contact the ARDMS for a confidential review and determination of eligibility to take registry exams. (http://www.ardms.org).

21. **Do you provide transportation to the clinical sites?**  
No. Reliable transportation and fuel expense to and from school and clinical site is the student’s responsibility.

22. **Which ultrasound specialties does BRCC teach?**  
Students are trained and prepared to challenge ARDMS registry exams in two specialties: 1) Abdominal Ultrasound and 2) Obstetrics and Gynecology Ultrasound. Additionally, students are prepared to pass the Sonographic Principles and Instrumentation exam (SPI) which is required for any ARDMS specialty exam.