

2022 Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography (DCS) Admission Requirements

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Important Dates

2022 DCS Application Dates.....**October 1, 2021– March 1, 2022**
January 15, 2022 is the “Early Admission” deadline for those who qualify.
Check the program web site for updated information on the application status.

Attend an Information Meeting (Mandatory)

- Learn more about the diagnostic cardiac sonography career and the Harper College sonography curricula, admission standards and program participation requirements.
- Visit the Harper web site (www.harpercollege.edu), academics, health science Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography Program, next steps to reserve a seat for a live online information session, **OR** if you prefer you can view a prerecorded online information session to satisfy the meeting attendance requirement. The direct link is here: <https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/health/diagnostic-cardiac-sonography/index.php>
- Note, the prerecorded online session includes one video and after viewing you will be asked to provide contact information and answer several questions to confirm your understanding of the material.
- In order for an application to be considered, attendance at an information meeting within the previous year is required.

Submit College Application and Fee

- Those applicants who have not previously applied to the college need to do so. This is the first step.
- This application and fee can be submitted online at https://student-self-service.harpercollege.edu/prod/bwskalog.P_DisplLoginNon

Complete the Program Application (Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography) with a Valid National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-Admission RN Exam Score Report

- Complete the program application by going to the DCS web page at <https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/health/diagnostic-cardiac-sonography/dcs-admission.php>
- Note, the program application will only be available on line during the published application windows.
- Those previously accepted into the Diagnostic Sonography Degree Program will need Coordinator approval to submit another application.
- The application will require NLN Pre Admission RN Exam results to be uploaded.

Valid NLN Pre-Admission RN Exam Report Minimums – Each minimum must be met:

<i>Minimum Score</i>	<i>NLN Score Report</i>
Composite: 60 th percentile or higher	Once scores are posted, check the section entitled RN Program Applicants for results. The Composite, Verbal, Math and Science percentile scores are listed under the RN Percentile Rank .
Verbal: 40 th percentile or higher	
Science: 40 th percentile or higher	
Math: 40 th percentile or higher	

- Information on how to register and prepare for the NLN Pre-Entrance Exam (HPAX-1) can be found on Harper’s Testing webpage: <https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/limitedenrollment.php>
- There is a link to register under the bullet: NLN Exam Registration and Payment: [NLN website](#)
- **NOTE: Choose Harper as your school so results will be sent directly to Harper. Not doing so can delay processing of your application.**
- Scores from an NLN Pre-Admission RN Test are valid for three years. (Refer to the chart later in this document for detailed information regarding expiration dates.)
- Guidelines on how to interpret a NLN score report can be found here: <https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/health/pdf/Interpreting-Your-NLN-Scores.pdf>
- Additional resources for test preparation not found on Harper’s Testing webpage include: the textbook Review Guide for NLN-RN Pre-Entrance Exam, Third Edition, McGraw-Hill’s NLN PAX-RN Prep app, study guides for the ACT or SAT including Magoosh.com, and YouTube for vocabulary.

Submit Additional Documentation

Official High School Transcript OR GED Results – The final high school transcript must have the graduation date posted; the GED report must show passing scores. The official transcript must be sent from the institution directly to Harper College (requests can typically be made at the institution website).

- Applicants who have completed high school in another country need to request an evaluation of their high school transcript through Educational Credential Evaluators, INC (ECE) <https://www.ece.org/>; or World Education Services (WES) <https://www.wes.org/> and have this proof of U.S. High School Equivalency sent directly to Harper College.
- This high school requirement can be waived if official documentation is provided demonstrating completion of the equivalent of a U.S. associates degree or higher degree.

Official Transcripts from other College’s Attended – Only required if an applicant wants Harper to consider courses taken at other institutions to fulfill DCS pre-requisite or program coursework. Official transcript must be sent from the institution(s) directly to Harper College (requests can typically be made at the institution website).

- Foreign college transcripts must be evaluated by World Education Services <https://www.wes.org/> or Educational Credential Evaluators, INC <https://www.ece.org/> with a completed course-by-course evaluation sent directly to Harper College.
- Official transcripts received from other institutions are evaluated by the credentials analyst and posted on the student portal, as well as sent to the student’s email address on record.

Program Prerequisites

Harper Grade Point Average

- Current or previously enrolled Harper students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

English Composition - ENG 101 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is no expiration date on the English Composition course requirement.

Physics Course – PHY 100 (Basic Concepts in Physics) at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- This requirement can be satisfied by completion of PHY 121 or a higher-level physics course **or** PHY 110 (previously PHS 111) **or** the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).
- The course must have a physics prefix or a physics course title in order to be considered; courses with titles such as “Science” or “Science and Technology” will not satisfy this requirement. Also, the course must have physics content as its focus in order to satisfy this physics admission requirement.
- Any course used to satisfy the physics course requirement must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is no expiration date on the physics course requirement.

Human Anatomy - BIO 160 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is a six-year time limit on the Human Anatomy course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for details on expiration dates.

Human Physiology - BIO 161 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is a six-year time limit on the Human Physiology course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for details on expiration dates.

Mathematics – College Level Math (MTH 101 **or** MTH 103, or higher-level math, **or** the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- MTH 165 (Elementary Statistics) at Harper College or the equivalent from another college is recommended.
- Any course used to satisfy the mathematics course requirement must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is no expiration date on the mathematics course requirement.

Re-entry Permission

- Those previously enrolled in the program must have permission from the program coordinator to re-apply. Any applications submitted without coordinator approval are considered incomplete.

The following table lists the time limits in place for 2022:

BIO 160 – HUMAN ANATOMY	Must be completed after January 1, 2016
BIO 161 – HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY	Must be completed after January 1, 2016
NLN TEST SCORES*	Must be completed after January 1, 2019

*National League for Nursing Entrance Exam Results

Admission Decisions

- Ranking scores will be calculated based on a point system with a **maximum of 100** points; **no points will be added to a ranking score for coursework completed after the application deadline**. Ranking scores are calculated based on the following chart:

Factor	0 points	10 points	15 points	20 points
NLN Composite Percentile	60 – 69	70 – 79	80 – 89	90 – 99
NLN Verbal Percentile	40 – 49	50 – 69	70 – 89	90 – 99
BIO 160	C		B	A
BIO 161	C		B	A
PHY 100*	C		B	A

* Or any course approved to satisfy the physics admission/graduation requirement

- Early Admission Option: To be eligible the applicant must meet specific conditions as follows:**
 - Be a Harper College resident **or** a resident of a community college district that is a member of the CAREER Consortium that does not offer the Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography Program.
 - Complete application file - **all pre-requisite coursework is complete, all documentation received, all requirements satisfied**
 - Ranking score of **80 or higher**
 - Complete application file received between October 1, 2021 and **January 15, 2022**
- Notification of acceptance will be sent to the Harper email and the email address provided on the application.
- Standard Admission Option: For applicants that did not qualify for early admission or submitted their application January 16, 2022 through March 1, 2022**
- Any seats available after the early admission window will be awarded based on ranking score
- A minimum ranking score is identified. Those applicants whose ranking scores are at or above that minimum will be considered for acceptance or for placement on the alternate list.
- All applicants will be sent a decision to their Harper email and the email address provided on the application. Decision emails are typically sent 2-3 weeks after the application deadline date.
- Admission will depend upon ranking score and residency
 - Harper College resident **or** a resident of a community college district that is a member of the CAREER Consortium that does not offer the Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography Program are given priority consideration
 - Residency is determined by the address on record with the Harper Registrar's Office.
 - Working in district does not constitute residency for program acceptance.

- The program may remain open past the published deadline date of March 1, 2022
 - Any applicant meeting the minimum ranking score who applies after that date will be considered. Applications will continue to be accepted until the program is closed. Check the web site for information on the application status.
- Contingency acceptances are made and require that the student successfully complete spring 2022 pre-requisite coursework with a grade of “C” or better
- Historically, applicants earning seats have more competitive NLN scores (80 -100) and grades (As and Bs) in the pre-requisite science coursework.

Important Admission Notes

- It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that
 - requirements are met and documentation submitted
 - emails and addresses are current with Harper’s Registrar Office and on the program application. Update information at [MyHarper Portal](#)
- It can take several weeks for the College to receive transcripts from the sending institution. It may take the college several weeks to process the transcript once received. Once evaluated, an email is sent to the Harper email account. Results can be viewed through the MyHarper student portal. Questions about transcript evaluations can be sent to evaluation@harpercollege.edu
- Applicants not accepted into a program who wish to be considered in the selection process for a future term must attend a new information meeting and submit a new program application.
- Once your program application has been processed, you will be able to monitor your limited enrollment file online. Go to MyHarper Portal; limited enrollment information can be found under the Registration and Records section.
- Alternate lists do not carry over. Alternates not admitted to a program will need to attend a new program information meeting and submit a new program application for a future program start.
- In district students (from Harper or Career Consortium Districts without a program) typically pay higher than the standard in district tuition for DCS prefixed courses. Also, those from consortium districts need to establish a joint agreement (once accepted the College Registrar Office can provide guidance). It is important that financial aid and joint agreement arrangements be made early to ensure timely registration and program success.

HARPER COLLEGE RESOURCES

Office	Location	Phone Number
Health Careers Division Office Limited Enrollment Programs	le@harpercollege.edu Building X, Room X250	847.925.6533
Admissions Outreach	admissions@harpercollege.edu Building C, Room C103	847.925.6700
Academic Advising and Counseling Services	New Students: Building C, Room C104 https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/cnso/index.php	847.925.6208
	Previous or currently enrolled at Harper Building I, Room I117 https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/index.php	847.925.6393
Access and Disability Services	https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/new.php Building I, Room I103	847.925.6266
Assessment and Testing	https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/index.php Building A, Room A148	847.925.6541
Business Office/Payment information	https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/index.php Building A, Room A214	847.925.6880
Harper Book Store	https://www.harpercollege.edu/bookstore/index.php Building L, Room L260	847.925.6275
One Stop Center	onestop@harpercollege.edu Building A, Room A250	847.925.6710
Transfer credit evaluation	evaluation@harpercollege.edu	
Registrar's Office	regoff@harpercollege.edu Building A, Room 213	847.925.6500

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