

2026 Fall Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography (DCS) Admission Requirements

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Important Dates

2026 Fall DCS Application Dates.....**October 1, 2025– March 1, 2026**

The program application will only be open during these application dates

Early Admission seats are filled Oct 1, 2025 - Jan 15, 2026 for those who qualify. See Early Admission Option listed on page 4.

Attend a MANDATORY Information Meeting

- Learn more about the Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography career and the Harper College Sonography curricula, admission standards and program participation requirements.
- To reserve a seat for a live online session, click [HERE](#)
- To view a pre-recorded online information session, click [HERE](#)
- NOTE: If you opt for the pre-recorded online session, you will view a video and be asked to provide contact information and answer several questions to confirm your understanding of the material.
- You must attend or view an information meeting between April 2025 and March 2026 in order to apply

Submit Harper College Application and Fee

- Your first step is to apply to the college if you have not previously applied.
- This application and fee can be submitted online [HERE](#) or in person.

Submit the Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography Program Application with TEAS Exam Score Report

- Complete the program application by going to the [DCS web page](#) scroll down to **Apply** within the time frame indicated above.
- Your Harper College Application must already be on file.
- Must attach a valid copy of your **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)** results showing that all minimums have been satisfied on the same test (only one test is required).
- TEAS scores must also be sent to Harper College officially. On the [TEAS Test page](#) go to the section titled **Sending TEAS Score Reports** for instructions on sending scores.
- Note: If official TEAS scores are not sent to Harper, your application will not be processed

Re-entry Permission – If you were previously enrolled in the program and were unsuccessful, departmental permission is required for re-entry. Without department approval, your file is incomplete.

Submit Additional Documentation

Official High School Transcript OR HSE Results – The final high school transcript must have the graduation date posted; the HSE report must show passing scores.

- Applicants who have completed high school in another country need to submit a document-to-document evaluation of their high school transcript completed by [Educational Credential Evaluators \(ECE\)](#) or [World Education Services \(WES\)](#) stating **U.S. Equivalence: High school diploma.**
- The high school transcript requirement can be waived if applicant has completed an associate or bachelor's degree (or the U.S. equivalent). Official documentation must be provided.

Note: Official documents are those sent directly from the institution to Harper College.

Official College Transcripts – If prerequisite courses were taken at another college or university, you will need to submit official transcripts for evaluation. Requests can be made at the institution website.

- Foreign college transcripts must first be evaluated by World Education Services (wes.org) or Educational Credential Evaluators, INC (ece.org). A copy of the completed course-by-course WES or ECE evaluation must be submitted to processing@harpercollege.edu, Admissions Processing, or the Harper College One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250.
- To have transfer credit awarded, applicants must have an official transcript sent from each college or university attended. Official transcripts will be evaluated as they are received.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE ON TRANSCRIPTS:** It may take up to 3 weeks for the College to receive transcript(s) from the sending institution(s). Once the transcripts have been received, it can take another 8-12 weeks for them to be evaluated for credit. If there are courses requiring departmental review, the evaluation will take longer. Please plan accordingly.

Program Prerequisites

Must be completed by the end of the Spring 2026 semester

Courses highlighted in yellow may award points to your admission score (see below)

TEAS Test with Required Minimum Scores:

- Visit Harper's [TEAS Testing webpage](#) for information on how to register for the TEAS Pre-Entrance Exam. Be sure to select Harper College AH as the receiving institution.
- The Allied Health exam is preferred but the Nursing exam is also accepted
- **MINIMUM TEAS SCORES:** Meeting the minimums on the TEAS exam will NOT result in an admissions offer. Each of the minimum scores must be satisfied on the same test

Note: TEAS scores are rounded down: For example - Total Score of 59.5 would be scored as 59

TEAS Minimum Scores 60th percentile or higher in each category (Total score, Math, Science, English and Language on the same test)
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- TEAS Pre-Admission Exam scores are valid for three years. Refer to the chart in the "Prerequisites with Time Limits" section for information regarding expiration dates.
- For details on how to interpret your TEAS score report, please refer to the program admissions page.
- Contact the Health Careers Division Office at 847.925.6533 if you have questions on test results.
- TEAS test study apps: [Pocket Prep ATI TEAS](#) and/or [ATI TEAS Prep mobile app](#)
- TEAS prep course offered through Harper College Non-Credit Community Education - click [HERE](#)
- TEAS Scores must be completed AFTER January 1, 2023.

Harper Grade Point Average (if attended Harper)

- Current and previous Harper students must have a minimum **2.0 grade point average** at the time of application to the program. **If GPA is below a 2.0 your application cannot be processed**

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 final 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 also be satisfied by completion of PHY110, PHY 121, or a higher-level physics course **or** 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. 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, admissions points given with a final grade of A or B.
- There is no expiration date on the Physics course requirement.

Human Anatomy - BIO 260 (previously 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 6-year time limit on the Human Anatomy course requirement. Refer to the chart in the next section for details on expiration dates.
- NOTE: If you have taken and/or withdrawn from BIO 260 more than two times before earning C or better within the 6-year time limit, points will not be awarded (Example: 1st attempt D, 2nd attempt W, 3rd attempt A = 0 points)

Human Physiology - BIO 261 (previously 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 6-year time limit on the Human Physiology course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for details on expiration dates.
- NOTE: If you have taken and/or withdrawn from BIO 261 more than two times before earning C or better within the 6-year time limit, points will not be awarded. (Example: 1st attempt D, 2nd attempt W, 3rd attempt A = 0 points)

NOTE on Anatomy & Physiology: If completing A & P and A & P II at another college, both courses must be completed with a C or better to receive transfer credit for Harper’s BIO 260 and BIO 261 (official transcripts must be provided).

Mathematics Course— College Level Math (MTH 101 **or** higher) **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.
- Course must be completed with a final grade of C or better.
- There is no expiration date on the mathematics course requirement.

PREREQUISITES TIME LIMITS

The following table lists time limits currently in place for the following courses and Entrance Exam testing:

BIO 260 – HUMAN ANATOMY (was 160)	Must be completed after January 1, 2020
BIO 261 – HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY (was 161)	Must be completed after January 1, 2020
TEAS TEST SCORES*	Must be completed after January 1, 2023

*Test of Essential Academic Skills

Admission Score Calculation (80 points maximum)

PLEASE NOTE: Satisfaction of admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Ranking scores will be calculated based on a point system with a **maximum of 80 points**. You can calculate your ranking score based on the following chart. (No points will be added to an admission score for coursework completed after the application deadline.)

Course/TEAS Test	0 points	10 points	15 points	20 points
TEAS Total Score (must have minimum of 60 in all categories)	60 – 69	70 – 79	80 – 89	90 – 99
BIO 260 Human Anatomy	C		B	A
BIO 261 Human Physiology	C		B	A
PHY 100 Physics*	C		B	A

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

Calculate your admission score

Course	Grade	Points	Course	Grade	Points	Course	Grade	Points	TEAS total	TEAS Points	Total Admission Score
Anatomy			Physiology			Physics					

EARLY ADMISSION OPTION

Applicants whose files are complete upon application may qualify for Early Admission. If accepted, we will send notification to the email address provided on the application and your Harper email.

To be eligible for this option all 4 items below must be met:

1. 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.
2. Complete application file - **all pre-requisite coursework is complete, all documentation received, all requirements satisfied**
3. Admissions score of **70 or higher**
4. The applicant must complete all above items by **January 15, 2026**, and a spot must be available.

STANDARD ADMISSION OPTION

- **For seats remaining following Early Admission: All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by the admission selection committee.**
- Admission is not guaranteed, and will depend upon ranking score, residency, and number of seats available.
- A “final” minimum admission score will be determined, and applicants whose ranking scores are at or above that minimum will be considered.

- If there are more applicants who meet the minimum score than space available, the following will factor into the admission decision process:
 - In-district residents and residents of community college districts which do not offer a Cardiac Sonography program **and** whose college districts are members of the CAREER consortium will receive priority consideration in the Standard Admission process.
 - Residency is determined by the Registrar's Office; the address on record with the College will be used by the admission selection committee when they determine admission decisions. Working in district does not constitute residency for limited enrollment selection purposes.
- It is not possible to predict the lowest ranking score that will be accepted through the Standard Admission process. However, TEAS scores in the 80's and 90's and A's and B's in BIO 260 Anatomy and BIO 261 Physiology make applicants more competitive in the selection process.

Important Admission Notes

- **NOTE: International students** are not eligible for limited enrollment programs.
- Depending on the number of qualified applicants, some contingency offers may be extended to applicants who are in the process of completing an admission requirement. **If contingency offers are extended, the contingent requirement(s) must be satisfied within the semester in which the deadline falls.** If the contingency is not met by the given date, the offer will be rescinded. Contingency offers are rare for this program.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to meet all requirements and ensure all documentation is on file.
- Accepted applicants must be 18 years of age before the program starts.
- Applicants not accepted into the program may apply again for a future term.
- All correspondence regarding your limited enrollment application will be sent to the email address you have provided on your application and your Harper email. (Please check your spam folder as some email accounts send Harper emails to spam.)
- It is your responsibility to ensure that your information is current in your Student Profile. You can update your phone number, personal email, and/or address in your Student Portal. Your Student Profile can be found in the Registration and Records card in your portal.

Residency is determined by the mailing address on record with the College (as seen in your Student Profile) as of the program deadline date and will be used by the admission selection committee when admission decisions are made. Working in district does not constitute residency for limited enrollment selection purposes.

- **Once your program application has been processed, you will be able to monitor your limited enrollment file online.** Go to harpercollege.edu and log into your **My Harper Student Portal**; limited enrollment information can be found under the **Records and Registration** section.
- Qualified applicants not selected may be identified as alternates in the case a space becomes available. Alternates who are not admitted to a program will need to submit a new application for a future program start.
- It is very important that you make financial aid preparations well in advance of any deadlines so that you know exactly what resources are available to you.
- The Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography is a very **rigorous full-time program**. If you are accustomed to taking 1-2 courses per semester, be aware that the program will require a significant increase in study time.

HARPER COLLEGE RESOURCES

Office	Email & Website	Phone #
Health Careers Academic Advisors	LEadvisors@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/index.php	847.925.6220
Admissions	admissions@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/start/apply/index.php	847.925.6700
New Student Advising – CNSO	cnso@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/cnso/index.php	847.925.6208
Hawks Care Resource Center and Counseling Services	hawkscare@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/counseling/index.php	847.925.6393
Access and Disability Services	ads@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/new.php	847.925.6266
Testing and Assessment Center	testing@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/index.php	847.925.6541
Business Office/Payment information	businessoffice@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/index.php	847.925.6880
Harper Store	1341mgr@follett.com https://www.harpercollege.edu/bookstore/index.php	847.925.6275
One Stop Center	onestop@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/start/onestop/index.php	847.925.6710
Transfer credit evaluation	evaluation@harpercollege.edu	847.925.6500
Registrar's Office	regoff@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/registrar/index.php	847.925.6500