

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**

January 15, 2026, is the “Early Admission” deadline for those who qualify.

Check the program web site for updated information on the application status.

To be eligible to submit an application to the Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography Program, you must have successfully taken the TEAS exam.

1. 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 diagnostic cardiac sonography program’s webpage at <https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/health/diagnostic-cardiac-sonography/index.php>.
- Click: <https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/health/diagnostic-cardiac-sonography/dcs-admission.php> to reserve a seat for a live online information session, **OR** to view a prerecorded online information session to satisfy the meeting requirement.
- Note, the prerecorded online session includes a video. After viewing the video, you will be asked to provide contact information and answer several questions to confirm your understanding of the material.
- Attendance to an information meeting between April 2025 and March 2026 is required to apply to the program.

2. Submit College Application and Fee

- If you have not previously applied to Harper College, this is your first step.
- This application and fee can be submitted online at https://harpercollege.my.site.com/apply/TX_SiteLogin?startURL=%2Fapply%2FTargetX_Portal_PB

3. Complete the Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography Program Application with a Valid TEAS Pre-Admission 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 online during the published application windows.
- You must attach a valid copy of your **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Pre-Admission Exam** score report showing that all minimum percentiles have been satisfied on the same test for your application to be accepted.

- TEAS scores must also be sent to Harper College officially. Visit <https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/teastest/index.php>, under the section titled: Sending TEAS Score Reports with instructions on sending scores. Note: if official TEAS scores are not sent to Harper, your application will not be processed.

Pre-Admission Exam Report – Each of the minimum percentile 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

<i>TEAS Minimum Scores</i>
<i>60th percentile or higher in each category (Total score, Math, Science, English and Language on the same test)</i>

- Visit Harper's TEAS Testing webpage: <https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/teastest/index.php> for information on how to register for the TEAS Exam.
- TEAS Pre-Admission Exam scores are valid for three years.
- For details on how to interpret your TEAS score report, please refer to the program admission page.
- Contact the Health Careers Division Office at 847.925.6533 if you have questions on test results.
- Visit <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/ati-teas-pocket-prep/id509838037> and/or <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/teas-prep/ati-teas-mobile-app> for study material on TEAS.
- TEAS prep course offered through Harper College Non-Credit Community Education <https://ce.harpercollege.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=10960700>

4. Submit Additional Documentation

- **Official High School Transcript OR High School Equivalency Results** – The final high school transcript must have the graduation date posted; the HSE 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-requisites. Official transcript must be sent from the institution(s) directly to Harper College. Requests can 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.

5. Program Prerequisites

Must be completed by the end of the Spring 2026 semester

Courses highlighted in yellow are awarded points for final grades towards your admission score

- **Harper Grade Point Average (if attended Harper)**
- 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 final grade of C or better.
- There is no expiration date on ENG 101.
- **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, 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 final grade of C or better, admissions points given with a grade of A or B.
- There is a six-year time limit on BIO 260. Refer to the chart on page four for time limits.
- **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 final grade of C or better, admissions points given with a grade of A or B.
- There is a six-year time limit on the BIO 261. Refer to the chart on page four for time limits.
- **Mathematics** – College Level Math (MTH 101, MTH 103, **or** higher-college 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.
- Must be completed with a final grade of C or better.
- There is no expiration date on the mathematics course requirement.
- **Re-entry Permission**
- Those previously enrolled in Harper’s DCS program must have permission from the program coordinator to re-apply.

The following table lists the time limits in place for 2026:

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**; **no points will be added to a ranking score for coursework completed after the application deadline.** Points are awarded for final grades. Ranking scores are calculated based on the following chart:

TEAS Factor	0 points	10 points	15 points	20 points
Total Score (must have 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

**If you have taken and/or withdrew from BIO 260 (previously 160) and/or BIO 261 (previously 161) two or more times before earning a C or better, points will not be given toward the admission score.

(For example: 1st attempt: withdrew/D/F, 2nd attempt withdrew D/F, 3rd attempt A = 0 points (no points will be awarded))

If completing A & P I 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).

- 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**
 - Admissions score of **70 or higher**
 - The applicant must complete all above items by **January 15, 2026**, and a spot must be available.
- 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, 2026, through March 1, 2026**
 - Any seats available after the early admission window will be awarded based on admission 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. Be sure to check spam folders of personal email accounts. 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.**
- If contingency acceptances are made and require that the student successfully complete any outstanding pre-requisite coursework with a grade of "C" or better unless otherwise noted
- Historically, applicants earning seats have more competitive TEAS scores (80 -100) and grades (As and Bs) in the pre-requisite science coursework.

Examples how to calculate your admission points

Example Student 1

Course	Grade	Points	Course	Grade	Points	Course	Grade	Points	TEAS total	TEAS Points	Total Points
Anatomy	A	20	Physiology	A	20	Physics	A	20	81	15	75

Example Student 2

Course	Grade	Points	Course	Grade	Points	Course	Grade	Points	TEAS total	TEAS Points	Total Points
Anatomy	B	15	Physiology	A	20	Physics	A	20	76	15	70

Example Student 3

Course	Grade	Points	Course	Grade	Points	Course	Grade	Points	TEAS total	TEAS Points	Total Points
Anatomy	A	20	Physiology	A	20	Physics	C	0	88	15	55

Determine your score

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Anatomy			Physiology			Physics					

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BIO 261 Physiology	C		B	A
PHY 100 Physics	C		B	A

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. check spam folders of personal email accounts Update information at [MyHarper Portal](#)
- Academic admission requirements must be met by the **end of the semester which the deadline falls.**
- Accepted applicants must be 18 years of age before the program starts.
- It can take several weeks for the College to receive and process transcripts from other colleges. 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 or Alternates 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.
- 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.

- Depending on the number of qualified applicants eligible for admission when decisions are made, it is possible that contingency offers may be extended to applicants who are in the process of completing an admission requirement (except for the TEAS percentile minimums, which must be satisfied in order to submit a program application).

HARPER COLLEGE RESOURCES

Office	Location	Phone #
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	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 A, Room A364 https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/index.php	847.925.6220
Hawks Care Resource Center and Counseling Services	https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/counseling/index.php Building I, Room I117	847.925.6393
Access and Disability Services	https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/new.php Building I, Room I103	847.925.6266
Testing and Assessment Center	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 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	847.925.6500
Registrar's Office	regoff@harpercollege.edu Building A, Room 213	847.925.6500