

2016 Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography / Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DCS / DMS) Admission Requirements

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Important Dates

2016 DMS Application Dates.....**October 1, 2015– February 1, 2016***
2016 DCS Application Dates.....**October 1, 2015 – March 1, 2016***

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

Attend an Information Meeting (Mandatory)

- Learn more about the diagnostic cardiac sonography and diagnostic medical sonography careers and the Harper College imaging curricula, admission standards and program participation requirements.
- Check the Harper web site at www.harpercollege.edu for the “in-person” meeting schedule, and reserve your seat online.
- You need to have attended an information meeting within the past year before submitting your program application.

Submit College Application and Fee

- If you have not previously applied to the College, this is your next step.
- This application and fee can be submitted online or in person.

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

- **Submit your program application to the Health Careers Division Office, Avanté Center, Room X250,** within the time frame indicated above. Your **Harper College Application** must already be on file, you must have attended a program information meeting within the past year, and you must attach a valid copy of your **NLN Pre Admission RN Exam** results showing that all minimums have been satisfied in order for Admissions Processing to accept your program application for either the Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography or the Diagnostic Medical Sonography degree program.

Valid NLN Pre-Admission RN Exam Report – You must satisfy **each** of the following minimum percentile scores:

<i>Minimum Score</i>	<i>NLN Score Report</i>
Composite: 60 th percentile or higher	The Composite Percentile can be identified by converting the 'overall score' listed on your score report using the 'Composite Score to Composite Percentile Conversion Table' .
Verbal: 40 th percentile or higher	Verbal, Math and Science Percentiles will be used from the 'Relative Performance' column listed on your score report.
Science: 40 th percentile or higher	
Math: 40 th percentile or higher	

- You can access information on NLN Pre-Admission RN Exam registration and payment steps from the Testing Center web site. Go to harpercollege.edu; click on **Academics**; scroll down to **Assessment and Testing Center**; then click on **Limited Enrollment (NLN Entrance Exam)**.
- 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.) **There must be a minimum of six months between test dates.**
- For details on how to interpret your NLN score report, please refer to the program web site.
- Resources for test preparation include the Review Guide for NLN-RN Pre-entrance Exam, Third Edition available at the HarperStore, online and through retail bookstores; a course offered through Harper's Continuing Education division titled: NLN Pre-Entrance Exam Preparation; and McGraw-Hill's NLN PAX-RN Prep app.

Submit Additional Documentation

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

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.

- 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, INC (ECE) www.ece.org or World Education Services (WES) www.wes.org stating **U.S. Equivalence: High school diploma.**
- This high school transcript requirement can be waived if official documentation is provided demonstrating completion of the equivalent of a U.S. associate or higher degree.

Official College Transcripts – You will need to submit transcripts from other colleges attended if the document(s) show completion of courses you think may fulfill course admission requirements or support course work applicable to either the Harper College Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography or the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program.

- 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 the Harper One Stop Center in Building A, Room A250.
- To learn if/how credits from other colleges will transfer to Harper, applicants must complete the evaluation request form available online at harpercollege.edu (Harper does not charge for this service.)

Re-entry Permission

- If you were previously enrolled in the program to which you are planning to apply again, departmental permission is required for re-entry. Without this department approval, your file is incomplete.

Academic 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 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** PHS 111 **or** the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).
- 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 five-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 five-year time limit on the Human Physiology course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for details on expiration dates.

Mathematics – MTH 165 at Harper College or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation) is recommended.

- This requirement can be satisfied by completion of MTH 101 **or** MTH 103, or higher level math, **or** the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).
- 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.

The following table lists the time limits in place for 2015:

BIO 160 – HUMAN ANATOMY	Must be completed after January 1, 2011
BIO 161 – HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY	Must be completed after January 1, 2011
NLN TEST SCORES*	Must be completed after January 1, 2013

*National League for Nursing Entrance Exam Results

Admission Decisions

- The admission selection committee will meet as soon as possible following the application deadline to make admission decisions for those who have applied by deadline. All prospective applicants who have submitted their applications by the deadline will be reviewed by the committee.
- Ranking scores will be calculated based on a point system with a **maximum of 100** points; **no points will be added to an admission score for coursework completed after the application deadline**. You can calculate your ranking score 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

- Admission decisions will be based on the scores represented by the applicant pool.
 - A minimum score for admission will be determined, and only those applicants whose ranking scores are at or above that minimum will be considered for admission.
 - If there are more applicants who meet the minimum score than space available, the following will factor into the admission decision process:
 - Permanent residents and residents of community college districts with which Harper has cooperative agreements who have satisfied the minimum admission score and who have applied by the application deadline will be admitted in ranking score order before any out-of-district applicants.
 - Residency is determined by the Registrar’s Office; the address on record with the College as of the application deadline will be used by the admission selection committee. Working in district does not constitute residency.
 - Provided a program is open past the published deadline, any qualified applicant who submits an application after that date will be considered after all qualified applicants who applied by deadline. Applications will continue to be accepted until the program is closed. Check the web site for information on the application status.
 - Depending on the number of qualified applicants eligible for admission when admission 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 NLN minimum percentiles, which must be satisfied in order to submit a program application). **When/If contingency offers are extended, the contingent requirement(s) must be satisfied within the semester in which the deadline falls.**
- It is not possible to predict what ranking score an applicant will need in order to be accepted into a limited enrollment program. However, NLN scores in the 80’s and 90’s and A’s and B’s in BIO 160, BIO 161 and PHY 100 make applicants more competitive in the selection process. Although satisfaction of minimum admission requirements will result in an admission decision, it does not guarantee acceptance.

Important Admission Notes

- It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that requirements are met and all documentation is on file.
- All correspondence regarding your limited enrollment application will be mailed to your address of record at Harper College. Additional correspondence from the program coordinator will be sent to the email address you have provided. It is your responsibility to see that your address information is current. To update your addresses (and/or phone number), you will need to contact the One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250. (The address on record with the College as of the program deadline will be used by the admission selection committee when they determine admission decisions.)
- Applicants should be aware that it may take up to three weeks for the College to receive transcript(s) from the sending institution(s). Once the transcripts you have listed on your program application have been received, it can take another one to three weeks before you will receive your written evaluation of transfer credit in the mail. If there are courses which require departmental contact, your evaluation will require more time. Please plan accordingly.
- 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 harpercollege.edu and log into your **MyHarper Student Portal**; limited enrollment information can be found under the **My Academic Record** section of the **My Harper** tab.
- Qualified applicants not selected will be placed on a temporary wait list and identified as alternates. Alternate lists do not carry over from one application cycle to the next; therefore, alternates who are 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.
- Applicants can submit an application for one limited enrollment program; however, if identified as an alternate, or if denied admission to a program, the applicant has the option of submitting an application for another open program. Once an applicant accepts an offer of admission to a program, he/she relinquishes his/her alternate status for the other program.
- A higher tuition rate—200 % of the standard tuition—is assessed for the career-specific courses in each of these programs. The out-of-district rate for all DCS and DMS-prefixed courses is more than twice as much as the doubled in-district rate. 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 2017 DCS/DMS Admission Requirements (which will be posted spring, 2016) will include information on an "Early Admission Option". This option will allow in-district and cooperative district resident applicants **whose files are complete—and who satisfy a designated admission score**—to be offered admission once the application window opens on October 1, 2016. Those who are interested in the "Early Admission Option" should plan to have prerequisite coursework completed no later than summer 2016.

(The traditional "Standard Admission Option" will be available to applicants who are not eligible for early admission as long as seats remain available.)

HARPER COLLEGE RESOURCES

Office	Location	Phone Number
Admissions Processing for Limited Enrollment Programs	Avanté Center, Room X250	847.925.6533
Admissions Outreach	Bldg C, Room C103	847.925.6156
Academic Advising and Counseling Services	New Students: Bldg C, Room C104	847.925.6208
	Previous or currently enrolled Harper students: Bldg I, Room I117	847.925.6393
Access and Disability Services	Bldg I, Room I103	847.925.6266
Assessment and Testing	Bldg A, Room A148	847.925.6541
Business Office	Bldg A, Room A214	847.925.6880
HarperStore	Bldg L, Room L260	847.925.6275
One Stop Center	Bldg A, Room A250	847.925.6710

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