

“FAQ Sheet”
Frequently Asked Questions – Answers
ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIAGNOSTIC CARDIOVASCULAR SONOGRAPHY

Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) (2 Years)

1. Next class AAS (2-year) begins in Summer, 2011. Associate in Applied Science Degree.
2. Pre-requisites are: A & P I (A&P II also required for AAS Pedi-Echo program) and ENGL I, College Algebra and Physics. Must be completed prior to beginning Sonography.
(*Also suggest completing A&P II)
3. Require an ACT of 19 or better or an SAT of 900 (scores are to be within 5 years at time of application). (Higher to be competitive – usually have about 20 applicants and only 16 openings.) Pass criminal background check and drug screen.
4. Be THEA exempt or have all segments successfully completed (or equivalent tests).
5. Deadline for completed application and pre-requisites is February 15 of each year.
6. Classes may be day, afternoon, or evenings.
7. Students may have 1 – 2 days off per week depending on the semester.
8. Clinical days are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – then in class and lab one or two other days per week.
9. Many students have jobs (some in hospitals/clinics) that are flexible with their school schedule. Any conflicts between jobs and school must be resolved by arranging the job schedule – not the school schedule.
10. Admittance is based on GPA in pre-requisites and ACT score.

Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC – 1 ½ Years)

1. Next class for ATC (1 ½ years) begins in January, 2011 – Advanced Technical Certificate Degree in either Adult-Echo, Pedi-Echo, or Vascular Technology.
2. Pre-requisites – same as above **except** no ACT/SAT required, but must also have AAS or higher degree in Allied Health related field and a professional credential.
3. Deadline for completed application is October 15.
4. Part-time classes mostly afternoons and evenings. All clinicals are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
5. Admittance is based on GPA.
6. Must also pass criminal background check and drug screen.