BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Medical Sonography
ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2026-2027

This document describes the selective admission requirements and procedures for applicants seeking entry to the Medical Sonography program in Fall 2027. Applicants are responsible for meeting all requirements and deadlines. Questions may be directed to the Student Success and Engagement Center.

Application Checklist

- Review the Admissions Criteria and program information
- Apply for admission to Bladen Community College
- Submit official high school and college transcripts
- Meet with Student Success and Engagement Center for course advisement
- Complete all required program prerequisites
- Complete ATI TEAS and arrange delivery of official results
- Submit Medical Sonography Program Application by June 1, 2027
- Attend a program information session (recommended; eligible for points)
- If invited among the top 12, attend the required Skills Assessment

Requirements After Acceptance

- Confirm acceptance by the deadline in the offer letter
- Attend mandatory Medical Sonography orientation
- Submit CPR, health forms, and immunization documentation
- Complete required background check and drug screening
- Complete other clinical affiliate requirements by communicated deadlines

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ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Bladen Community College maintains an open-door admissions policy; however, admission to Medical Sonography is selective because of academic standards, clinical responsibilities, and limited clinical capacity. The program provides nondiscriminatory access to qualified applicants consistent with College policy. Admission is for the Fall semester. The Vice President of Student Services and staff administer admission policies. Requirements and deadlines apply equally to applicants.

The application deadline is June 1, 2027. All required application materials and official scores must be received by that date unless a different deadline is expressly stated below.

1. College Admission and Transcripts

Complete the College application process at https://www.bladencc.edu/apply/steps-to-apply/ . Submit official high school or high school equivalency transcripts and official transcripts for all postsecondary coursework. Student-issued copies are not accepted. Consult Student Success and Engagement Center for course advisement. Applicants must be in good academic standing at application and remain in good standing throughout the program.

2. Prerequisites

Applicants must meet the following requirements by June 1, 2027, application deadline. Required courses must have a grade of C or higher. Course equivalencies and approved substitutions are determined by the College Registrar.

- High school diploma or equivalency
- ENG 025 or placement-test equivalent
- MAT 025 or placement-test equivalent
- OST 141
- PHY 110 and PHY 110A
- ATI TEAS minimum composite score of 58 or higher

3. ATI TEAS Entrance Test

Applicants must achieve a minimum ATI TEAS composite score of 58.

Scores earned June 1, 2025, through June 1, 2027, are eligible.

If more than one score is submitted, the highest qualifying score will be used for point allocation.

Official scores from testing elsewhere must be sent directly to BCC; unofficial or student-issued copies are not accepted. Official scores must be received by June 1, 2027. Allow processing time for ATI to send remote testing scores.

Testing information: https://www.bladencc.edu/advising-aid/testing/ati-teas/ . Contact Jeanne Butler, Testing Center Technician, Building 8 Room 7, jbutler@bladencc.edu , (910) 879-5504.

4. Program Application

Applications are accepted through June 1, 2027.

Submit the Medical Sonography program application to Student Services, attention Ms. Linda McLean.

Submit in person; by postal mail to Bladen Community College, Student Services, PO Box 266, Dublin, NC 28332; or by email as a PDF attachment to lmclean@bladencc.edu .

5. Virtual Information Sessions

Attendance is recommended, but not mandatory. One competitive point maximum may be awarded for attendance at one session. Email mnorris@bladencc.edu beginning two weeks before the session, to receive a link to register for the virtual information session.

- January 5, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.
- March 4, 2027, at 6:00 p.m.
- May 6, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

Application Review and Competitive Points

Initial competitive points are used to identify the twelve highest-ranking applicants invited to the Skills Assessment. Points are calculated and maintained in the Office of Student Services. A waiting list is not maintained from year to year; therefore, interested applicants must re-apply each year if not accepted in the Medical Sonography program.

Initial Ranking Tiebreakers

If initial competitive point totals are tied, ranking is determined sequentially by: (1) highest ATI TEAS composite score; (2) highest combined BIO 168, BIO 169, PHY 110, and PHY 110A competitive points.

Competitive Points Allocations

Criteria		Points
TEAS score	80-100	10
	70-79	8
	58-69	5
TEAS test taken on campus with BCC testing center **Two points granted only when the TEAS score selected for admission eligibility was obtained through in-person testing at the BCC Testing Center.*		2
Earned BCC course credit(s) in calendar years, 2026-2027 **Two points maximum granted to applicants who earn curriculum or continuing education course credit recorded on an official BCC transcript during 2026–2027. Non-credit community enrichment courses are not eligible.*		2

Bachelor's Degree **No points granted for AAS or Diploma if points awarded for bachelor's degree*	10
Associate Applied Science degree in Allied Health field **No points granted for Diploma if points awarded for AAS degree*	6
Associate Applied Science degree in non-Allied Health field **No points granted for Diploma if points awarded for AAS degree*	5
Allied Health Diploma	4
Certification or Licensure: (*one allowed for points)* Imaging **Must submit proof of certification or licensure by application deadline*	15
Certification or Licensure: (*one allowed for points)* RN, LPN, Paramedic **Must submit proof of certification or licensure by application deadline*	10
Certification or Licensure: (*one allowed for points)* NA I, NA II, Med Tech, EMT **Must submit proof of certification or licensure by application deadline*	5
Information Session Attendance (*one allowed for points)* **Email mnorris@bladencc.edu to register beginning two weeks prior to the session*	1
Course points BIO 168, BIO 169, MAT 143 or MAT 152 or MAT 171, PHY 110, PHY 110A **Courses must be completed by the end of Spring 2027 semester to be considered for points.* **BIO and PHY courses must be completed after June 1, 2022, to be considered for points.*	4 each A 3 each B
Course points COM 120, ENG 111, OST 141 or MED 121, OST 142 or MED 122, PSY 150 or SOC 210 **Courses must be completed by the end of Spring 2027 semester to be considered for points.*	2 each A 1 each B

Required Medical Sonography Skills Assessment

Following the June 1, 2027, application deadline, the twelve (12) highest-ranking eligible applicants will be invited to participate in a required Medical Sonography Skills Assessment. The assessment is intended to evaluate aptitude for learning and applying abilities relevant to medical sonography. Activities may involve hand-eye coordination, spatial reasoning, following instructions, critical thinking, and applying new information.

No prior sonography education, training, or experience is required. Applicants will receive the information and instructions needed to complete assessment activities. Medical Sonography program faculty will develop standardized activities, administration procedures, and scoring rubric before the assessment is administered.

The Skills Assessment score determines final ranking of assessed applicants. The eight (8) highest-scoring applicants will be admitted. The remaining assessed applicants will be ranked as alternates.

Final Skills Assessment Tiebreakers
If two or more applicants earn the same overall Skills Assessment score, ties are resolved sequentially by: (1) highest initial competitive admission point total; (2) highest ATI TEAS composite score; (3) highest combined BIO 168, BIO 169, PHY 110, and PHY 110A competitive points; (4) highest cumulative college GPA.

Selection and Acceptance

Application deadline	June 1, 2027
Initial ranking and invitations to top 12	Mid-June 2027
Required Skills Assessment	Early July 2027
Acceptance, alternate, and non-selection notifications	Mid-July 2027
Mandatory program orientation	Late July 2027
Program entry	August 2027

Applicants admitted must confirm their intent to enroll by the deadline stated in their offer letter and complete required registration procedures. Failure to respond, declining admission, or failing to register by the designated deadline may result in forfeiture of the seat. Vacancies are offered to eligible alternates in final assessment rank order; alternates must respond within the timeframe stated in their offer.

Requirements Following Acceptance

Mandatory Orientation
Accepted applicants must attend the Medical Sonography orientation in late July 2027. Those unable to attend must notify the Program Director in advance and obtain approval for alternative arrangements. Failure to attend without prior approval may result in forfeiture of admission.

CPR, Health, and Immunization Requirements
Accepted students must provide a completed health evaluation, required immunization documentation, and current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider certification with hands-on skills practice and evaluation. All records must be submitted by the designated deadlines. Missing documentation may prevent participation or result in forfeiture of admission.

Background Check, Drug Screening, and Clinical Compliance

Clinical affiliates require background checks and drug screenings and may deny access based on results. Students unable to access required clinical placements may be unable to complete program requirements. Students must meet College and affiliate health, safety, and documentation requirements throughout enrollment. Instructions, costs, and deadlines will be communicated during orientation.

Clinical Education and Transportation

Required clinical education takes place at affiliated healthcare facilities. Assignments depend on learning objectives and site availability and may be outside Bladen County. Clinical experiences may occur during daytime, evening, or weekend hours. Students are responsible for reliable transportation and associated travel expenses and must meet clinical attendance and participation requirements.

Medical Sonography Program

		CLASS	LAB	CLINICAL	CREDIT
Fall Semester-1st Year					
*ACA 115	Success & Study Skills	0	2	0	1
OR					
*ACA 122	College Transfer Success	0	2	0	1
OR					
*PTE 121A	Pathway to Employ-Health	0	2	0	1
*BIO 168	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	0	4
*MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3
SON 110	Intro to Sonography	1	3	3	3
SON 111	Sonographic Physics	3	3	0	4
SON 130	Abdominal Sonography I	2	3	0	3
					18
Spring Semester-1st Year					
*BIO 169	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	0	4
SON 120	SON Clinical Ed I	0	0	15	5
SON 131	Abdominal Sonography II	1	3	0	2
SON 140	Gynecological Sonography	2	0	0	2
SON 250	Vascular Sonography	1	3	0	2
					15
Summer Semester-1st Year					
*COM 120	Intro to Interpersonal Com	3	0	0	3
SON 121	SON Clinical Ed II	0	0	15	5
SON 241	Obstetrical Sonography	2	0	0	2
					10
Fall Semester-2nd year					
*ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry	3	0	0	3
*PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
OR					
*SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3	0	0	3
SON 220	SON Clinical Ed III	0	0	24	8
SON 242	Obstetrical Sonography II	2	0	0	2
SON 272	Advanced Pathology	0	3	0	1
					17
Spring Semester-2nd year					
*Elective	Humanities or Fine Arts	3	0	0	3
SON 221	SON Clinical Ed IV	0	0	24	8
SON 225	Case Studies	0	3	0	1
SON 289	Sonographic Topics	2	0	0	2
					14

Humanities or Fine Arts Elective: *Choose from ART 111, ART 114, ART 115, HUM 110, HUM 115, MUS 110, MUS 112, PHI 240, REL 110, REL 221, SPA 111*.

Total Program Hours **74**

*Courses are encouraged to be taken prior to admission to the program