Diagnostic Ultrasound Technology Program

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Section IV
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• How Many Students are admitted each year?
  – We have approximately 100 qualified applicants each year, and between 24 and 28 (number depends upon number of clinical internship sites confirmed each year)

• Do I have to complete all of the prerequisite courses before I apply?
  – ALL prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of Fall quarter the year before you apply. If applying for Fall 2016, then complete by Fall 2015.
FAQ’s continued

• Is there a waiting list to get into the program?
  – No. We do not have a waiting list.
  – Each year there is a new pool of applicants comprised of first time and re-applicants.

• Is the program offered part time or evenings?
  – The program is full time only, with most classes offered M-F during the day. There is usually a Monday Evening class. In the first year summer quarter, experts in the field may only be available in the evening for advanced sonography.

• Will I be able to work while I am in the program?
  – We do not recommend that students work during the program so they can focus on their education, stay rested and be flexible as needed with class schedules and program activities. However, many students do maintain some part time work hours for financial reasons.
FAQ’s continued

• How many people apply each year?
  – Approximately 100+

• If I do not make the selection this year, can I reapply for next year?
  – Yes!

• Do I have to have health care experience to apply?
  – Although health care experience (medical, dental, chiropractic care, massage therapy, optometry etc.) is very helpful, it is not required.
Volunteer Experience

• How many hours do I have to have as a volunteer to get points?
  – Most formal volunteer programs in health care settings ask for a 3-6 month commitment, we require at least 50 hours.
FAQ’s continued

• What are the qualities that make an exceptional sonographer? How can I be successful?
  – Great critical thinking skills
  – You must be able to handle the stress of a busy working environment as well as the demands of a sick patient.
  – You must have the drive to constantly improve your skills.
  – You must be able to apply constructive criticism.
  – The course load is very demanding of your time and resources. Family and financial support are very important. Be sure these resources are in place before you accept a position in the program. Have a frank talk with your support system before you accept a position in the program.
FAQ’s continued

• How are the clinical internship sites assigned?
  – By clinical specialty first, and consideration is given to the student learning style and clinical internship teaching environment.
  – We have only one intern assigned per clinical site, and there is a rotation after the first 6 months to a new site for the second half of the internship.
  – Geographic preference is considered, although it is not the dominant factor in the decision.
  – All clinical internship site assignments are determined by the Clinical Coordinator in collaboration with the Program Chair.
• What if I want to do “pediatric” echocardiography?
  – BC is seeking accreditation in this specialty for the Ultrasound degree.
  – An introduction to congenital heart defects and applications specific to pediatric echo is included in the Adult Echocardiography Track
  – Pediatric credentials may be earned for the class of 2016.
FAQ’s continued

• What specialties can I be trained in?
  – Although our program has multiple accreditations *new for 2014 is the Vascular accreditation.*
  – This means that each student chooses one track (Adult Echo, Vascular Technology, General (Abdomen & OB/GYN) at application submission.
  – Clinical internships are designed so that each student receives a full year in their specialty, preparing them for entry level jobs upon graduation.
  – Our program expansion due to the need in the marketplace and to ensure that our graduates are prepared to meet those needs.
Conclusion of the Information Session.
We will take questions.
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