



Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program

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Congratulations

On May 20, 2016 five sonographers earned their Bachelor of Science Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.



Sheryl Goss, Chair; Joann Musselman, Virginia; Taryn Marancik, PA; Vanessa Arevalo, Maryland; Absent from photo are: Utopia Simpson, Alabama and Maria Talavera, PA.

Dates and Reminders

August 10: Last date to register for fall courses

August 29: First week of on-line classes

September 30: SDMS Annual Conference

October 29: Joining with NEPASU—Fall Symposium at Misericordia University

Clinical Advisory Meetings (TBD)

Fall 2016

Clinical Instructors and Department Managers are invited to attend.

: Geisinger Wyoming Valley, Wilkes Barre

: Geisinger Medical Center, Danville

: Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Elmira, NY

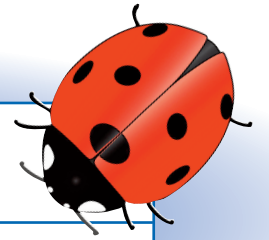


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Congratulations to the Class of 2016

On March 13, 2016, seventeen students graduated as the twelfth class of Misericordia University's Sonography Program. The celebration was held on campus in Insalaco Hall. University administration, faculty, and clinical instructors, celebrated with the graduates and their families.

The Academic Achievement Award for Academic Excellence was awarded to Brittany Harris, of Dallas, PA. Congratulations to her for achieving the highest GPA.

Abby Koch was also recognized for her participation in a bottle recycling program that benefits the St. Gabrielle's Angels.

All have secured employment either full-time, part-time or per-diem positions. The hard work of the students, dedication of clinical affiliates and support from program faculty is the catalyst behind such great success. All seventeen students prior to completing the program passed on first attempt the physics (SPI) and abdominal specialty exams earning them the RDMS credential at the time of graduating. Sixteen have sat and passed the OB/GYN specialty. Congratulations to the class of 2016 for their 100% pass rate and employment. They have all achieved success in a short amount of time.



KUDOS!

Fall Course Offerings

The Sonography Department is offering the following courses **on-line**; thus, you can do all the course work from your home:

Advanced Vascular (3 credits); **Breast Sonography** (2 credits) and **Advanced Fetal and Pediatric** (3 credits) Sonographers can concentrate in either pediatric or fetal cardiac.

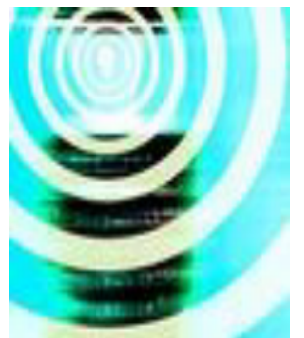
Reminder: IAC- Vascular accreditation is requiring all personnel performing vascular examinations to be vascular credentialed by January 1, 2017.

If interested in any of these courses, please contact the program at 570-674-6790 no later than **August 10th**. Preference is prior to July 15th, but registrations will be accepted through August 10th.

Cost is \$565.00 per credit if not an enrolled student in the Bachelor of Science DMS Degree.

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Changes to Certificate and New BS

The sonography department is implementing changes beginning fall 2016. For the certificate program, there will be an additional vascular course to provide additional knowledge and lab experiences in vascular. Using feedback from students, employers and seeing trends nationally, it was important to expand the curriculum with more vascular. Intermediate Vascular will be offered in fall 2017 for the class of students entering in fall 2016.

Also in fall 2016, the department has added a third option for individuals interested in pursuing a Bachelor degree and sonography. This degree will be for individuals, primarily entering from high school or a two year college, who want to attend here at Misericordia University on a full-time basis. Within four years they can take the requisite courses for sonography and general education courses and join the certificate students during their

junior and senior years. Offering the Bachelor degree, similar to the Expressway degree for those who are sonographers, provides opportunities for those who desire career mobility and be prepared for opportunities that one may not think of when starting out in sonography.

Clinical experience is imperative for the first few years. We are proud to have BS graduates as managers and application specialists.

International volunteerism—a rewarding experience

Graduate of 2014 and a current BS student, Angelica Zurat recently participated in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. She is a vascular sonographer at Reading Hospital. The following is a reflection of her experience. “This past March I was given the opportunity to take part in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic to perform ultrasounds with Dr. Gonzalez, a physician at Schuylkill Medical Center in Pottsville, PA. The Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) at Creighton University is where the clinic was located. Patients traveled from miles away just to be seen and treated by our doctors. It was overwhelming the first day to see

all of the people lined up outside of the clinic waiting to be seen. Our day at the clinic started at eight in the morning and we normally finished our day at six. Specialties included urology, cardiology, gastroenterology, radiology, pediatrics, dentistry, triage, physical therapy, and surgeons that performed surgery in the OR. This mission was one of the best experiences of my life. I cannot wait to go back. I am even going to start learning Spanish so I can interact more with my patients. Words cannot even express the way I felt just being there and helping everyone. All of the volunteers on the mission have such big hearts and it was amazing to meet and be a part of it all with them. I am so grateful and thankful to have been given this opportunity. It has changed my life forever.”



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POCUS

Do you know what POCUS stands for? I will share I did not know what it stood for until about 6 weeks ago when I attended the SDMS Musculoskeletal Injury Consensus Conference. I was aware of POC, but not of POCUS; therefore, it stands for Point of Care

Ultrasound. POCUS is growing larger and larger as a means for healthcare providers to answer specific clinical questions to aid in diagnosis and treatment for patients. While some resent this growth, we need to accept the changes in healthcare to

streamline, and it also presents with opportunities to collaborate and share the wealth of knowledge we all possess. We also can learn from the provider and enhance our own clinical knowledge as well.

Clinical Instruction CMEs

Once again this year, the program will be offering SDMS continuing education credits in appreciation for Clinical Instructorship. The maximum number of credits is six per year. The cycle is from January 1 to December 15th. New forms have been e-mailed out to clinical instructors. Please feel free to make additional copies as needed. When submitting, be sure to include the log of time spent with the student(s) and the evaluation form. Be sure the student verifies and signs the form for each block of time spent instructing the student. Upon receipt of

these documents, you will be issued your CME certificate via e-mail. Please note, the ARRT does NOT accept clinical instructorship credits. They are accepted by the ARDMS.

What Constitutes Instruction?

Following SDMS CME policies, instruction is defined as:

1. Observing the student perform the examination or part of the examination and offering technical tips and protocol suggestions.
2. Reviewing the images with the student after the examination and discussing pathology, pathophysiology, anatomy,

differential diagnosis, expected clinical manifestations, technique or laboratory values of certain conditions.

Note: Time spent “in the room” with the student and not providing instruction is not considered educational and is not eligible for CME credit.

Did you know.....If you are a member of the SDMS, your CME activities will automatically be tracked for you. Yet another perk of SDMS membership!

This activity is tracked by



SDMS National Conference- Orlando, Florida

The SDMS annual conference is September 30th–October 2nd with pre-conference tutorials on Thursday September 28th. Location is the Hyatt Regency, Orlando. This conference offers several specialty tracks in which the attendee can attend any presentation within any specialty. It is a great opportunity to refresh one’s



knowledge in the areas that are less practiced or hear the latest uses of sonography in your specialty. An abundance of CME’s can be earned in these three/ four days.

If you have never had the pleasure of experiencing the SDMS conference, I encourage you to make it a goal of yours.

Sonography Clinical Instructorship Program (SCIP)

The SDMS Foundation is now offering a new program to enhance clinical instructor skills and knowledge specific to working with students. The SCIP online video collection featuring five different presentations focuses on topics related to sonography clinical instructors. To view the SCIP videos, please visit:

<http://www.sdms.org/members/SCIP/SCIP.aspx>

In addition, each presentation also lists multiple additional resources that relate to the topic.

In support of the sonography clinical instructor community, anyone can view the SCIP videos free of charge. SDMS CME credit

for the SCIP videos is available exclusively to SDMS members. There is a maximum of 4.25 CMEs available.

We strongly encourage you to take advantage of these videos to validate what you are already doing with our students or if there are areas you would like to be more effective in.