

MEDAXIOM & WASHBURN UNIVERSITY SONOGRAPHY PROGRAM

FAQs

Q: I am a student who is interested in this program but does not have an organization to sponsor my tuition or clinical onsite training. What do I do?

A: Unfortunately, our pathway is for those employed or working with an organization already. If you are interested in applying on your own and being matched with a clinical facility in your area by Washburn University, find more [information on their website](#).

Q: I'm employed by an organization willing to sponsor me, but my organization is not a MedAxiom member. Can I still participate?

A: Yes! Please connect our Academy team (academy@medaxiom.com) with your leader to discuss the process.

Q: I am the director of our imaging department and want to present this pathway to my organization. Who else do I need to include?

A: You will need a board-certified cardiac sonographer and board-certified echo sonographer respectively to have a student in that specific program. These will be the clinical instructors in your facility and will make sure your student is meeting the benchmarks set by Washburn University. You will also need to make sure the decisions makers for the cost of sponsoring the student are on board or included in the overview meeting. Another important person is any HR or Career Development staff members that will handle the paperwork/orientation internally at your organization.

Q: Is there an incentive for the board-certified sonographers to mentor students?

A: There is no official stipend given by MedAxiom or Washburn. However, we have heard that organizations have offered "lead" pay or a small raise for the hours spent with the student. It is up to the organization's discretion for monetary incentives. *Sonographers are able receive up to 6 CE credits per calendar year from Washburn University for time teaching.*

Q: What are key indicators for the best student candidates?

A: The pre-requisites are the biggest hurdle. Students must have the following courses completed from an accredited college:

- (1) Communications (e.g. English Comp, Speech)
- (2) Mathematics (College Algebra or higher)
- (3) Human Anatomy*
- (4) Human Physiology*
- (5) Physics
- (6) All courses need a "C" or higher and overall GPA must be above a 2.5.

**If Human A&P are taken together, the student needs level 1 and level 2 completed.*

Q: My student candidate does not have a background in healthcare but has a great attitude and is passionate about learning this pathway. Can they still be accepted?

A: Yes! The Employee and Clinical Site Exception Form addresses this worry. The form also covers if the student candidate does not have a bachelor's degree. As long as the required courses are met as listed above, the student can be eligible.

Q: What is the workload expectation for the student candidate?

A: This is an accelerated program and students should prepare for the fast pace. All videos and readings are on-demand and on the student's schedule. Feedback from previous students has been that 1-2 hours per day during the workweek has worked best for pacing.

Q: Do the 24 hours per week for clinic hours need to be regularly scheduled?

A: No! The schedule for the student can be flexible depending on the student and sonographer's timetable. The clinic hours can be changed week by week or even student by student. Washburn University only requires 24 hours of clinic hours per week.

Q: How do we measure our student's progress in the program?

A: The clinical coordinator/sonographer will get a manual with the training curriculum. There will be a complete outline of milestones, concepts, and benchmarks for each semester. Washburn University does have a sonography mentor program available to current students upon request.

Q: I've paid the "Save your Spot" deposit, but the student we had planned on sending, can no longer participate. What are the options?

A: The "Save your Spot" deposit cannot be refunded; however, it is not tied to a specific student. If the deadline has not been met for Washburn applications, you are free to find another student to send through. If the deadline has passed, we can roll over the deposit to the following year.

Q: My student has moved through MedAxiom screening and has been accepted by Washburn University. When can I expect the next payment?

A: Once the student is accepted and enrolled into Washburn University, MedAxiom will send the invoice for the tuition in the second week of September. If you'd like to set up a payment plan, please let MedAxiom know.

Q: My student made it through the first semester, but unfortunately, cannot complete the rest of the program. Can we get a refund?

A: Tuition for the semester not in progress or completed can be refunded to your organization. The \$3,000 "Save your Spot" deposit will not be returned. The tuition for the semester completed and/or currently in progress will not be refunded.

Don't see your question above? Email academy@medaxiom.com for more information!