

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHER

OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Adjust settings or positions of medical equipment.
- Analyze test data or images to inform diagnosis or treatment.
- Assist healthcare practitioners during surgery.
- Clean medical equipment or facilities.

NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL WAGE INFORMATION

	Entry Level Hourly Wage	2016 Employment	Projected 2026 Employment
Capital Area	\$27.74	365	508
Texas	\$26.55	5,228	7,039
United States	\$25.37	67,300	82,900

WHAT JOB TITLES SHOULD I SEARCH FOR?

- Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

WHERE COULD I WORK?

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories
- Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED

WHAT TYPE OF EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING WILL I NEED?

Workers in occupations at this level can develop the skills needed for average job performance after obtaining an associate's degree.

WILL I NEED A SPECIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION?

Many occupations prefer or require at least one certification for entry or advancement. The Texas Workforce Investment Council has indicated the following as Industry- Based Certifications for this occupation:

- Registered Technologist - Computed Tomography, Radiography, Vascular Sonography, Vascular-Interventional Radiography, Mammography, Sonography, Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Registered Vascular Technology
- Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer - Abdomen, Obstetrics and Gynecology

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CAPITAL AREA CAREER LADDER

* Also Included on Targeted Occupation List (PY 2021)

Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$27.74
- Median Level: \$35.74

Typical Education & Experience

- Associate's Degree



143 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

*Radiologic Technologist

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$20.03
- Median Level: \$29.45

Typical Education & Experience

- Associate's or Bachelor's Degree

171 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

*Surgical Technologist

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$16.63
- Median Level: \$23.43

Typical Education & Experience

- Postsecondary non-degree award

181 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

Medical Equipment Preparer (i.e. Sterile Processing Tech)

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$10.97
- Median Level: \$14.26

Typical Education & Experience

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- Moderate on-the-job training

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