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Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

Would you like to do work that helps people? Are you detail oriented and patient? Are you a good communicator? Would you enjoy analyzing technical information?

If you are interested in operating ultrasound technology to help diagnose patients' medical issues, a career as a **diagnostic medical sonographer** may be for you.

Under a doctor's supervision, diagnostic medical sonographers operate ultrasound equipment to gather data used for diagnosing medical conditions. They have a lot of direct contact with patients.

Are You Ready To...?

- Perform the steps in a procedure in the right order
- Interact compassionately and effectively with the sick and injured
- Spend most of the day on your feet
- Maintain good posture and use your own body without strain
- Lift heavy objects
- Bend and stoop regularly

It Helps To Be...

Compassionate, physically strong, analytical and attentive to detail. This job is a great way to combine an interest in medicine and technology with a concern for others.

A Day In The Life...

- Analyze medical data
- Collect clinical data
- Communicate technical information
- Explain testing procedures to patient
- Follow dental or medical office procedures
- Take vital signs

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$35.18

*That comes out to more than
\$73,169 a year.*

**In 2016, we had 365 Diagnostic
Medical Sonographers.
By 2026, we'll need 508.**

Could you be one of the 143?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many employers look for diagnostic medical sonographers with an **associate's** or **bachelor's degree** from an accredited program in sonography.



Top 5 Industries for Diagnostic Medical Sonographers

1. General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
2. Offices of Physicians
3. Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories
4. Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools
5. Outpatient Care Centers

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Related College Majors

- Biomedical Engineering
- Biotechnology
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Medical Radiologic Technology
- Nuclear Medical Technology
- Nursing (RN)

Related Industry Certifications

- Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers
- Cardiovascular Principles & Instrumentation Physics
- Fetal Echocardiography
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (Abdomen)
- Ultrasound Physics & Instrumentation

Related Careers

- Cardiovascular Technologists
- Gynecologists and Obstetricians
- Nuclear Medicine Technologists
- Radiation Therapists
- Radiologic Technologists
- Radiologists

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