



Explore a Career as a **DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHER**

What do Diagnostic Medical Sonographers do?

Diagnostic medical sonographers use sound waves to generate images used for assessing and diagnosing various medical conditions. Many people associate sonography with pregnancy. This technology has many other applications in the diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions in the abdomen, breast, heart, and blood vessels and, more recently, in diagnosing and treating musculoskeletal problems. Diagnostic medical sonographers may work closely with physicians or surgeons before, during, and after procedures.

Training & Educational Opportunities

To become a diagnostic medical sonographer, you will need to earn a certificate or an associate degree. Some employers may also require a professional certification. Sonography education programs include courses in anatomy, medical terminology, and applied sciences.

As a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer you will:

- Examine abdomen, breasts, female reproductive system, prostate, heart, and blood vessels
- Obtain and record patient history
- Operate equipment to obtain diagnostic images or to conduct tests
- Schedule patients for procedures
- Use transducer to study images of organs, tissues, or blood flow inside the body

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers are in demand in Kankakee County!

Kankakee County employment of diagnostic medical sonographers is expected to increase through 2020.

Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

Training Providers

The following certified training providers offer programs and certifications to train for a career as a diagnostic medical sonographer:

- College of DuPage
- Joliet Junior College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



Types of Employers

There are many types of employers looking to hire diagnostic medical sonographers in Kankakee County, including:

- Diagnostic laboratories
- Doctor offices
- Hospitals
- Imaging clinics

Wages & Openings

Diagnostic Medical Sonographer Employment Data for Kankakee County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$29.33
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$46.22
Average Annual Job Openings Kankakee County	~10
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	125



Opportunities

After you receive a certificate or degree in diagnostic medical sonography, you will have many opportunities for additional certifications and advancement, including:

- Fertility Sonographer
- Perinatal Ultrasonographer
- Ultrasound Technologist
- Vascular Ultrasound Technologist



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