

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE
DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY PROGRAMS
ADMISSION SELECTION CRITERIA FALL 2026

Students must complete the certified nursing assistant (CNA) course (NURS 130) or Advanced EMT (EMS 118), or have a current CNA license or AEMT national registry and ALL prerequisite requirements by the end of the 2026 Spring semester to be considered eligible applicants. Eligible applicants will be numerically ranked according to total points received using the selection criteria below. Total points will be determined after Spring 2026 grades have been posted at GBC. **Please note that the applicant is responsible for ensuring that official grades for Spring 2026 semester for non-GBC coursework are submitted to the GBC Registrar.** Admission will be offered to the applicants with the highest points based on program capacity. Meeting minimum application criteria does not guarantee admission to the program

In the event that applicants have an equal number of points, a tie breaker will be decided based on the grade of one or more of the following courses in the order they appear:

- BIOL 223
- BIOL 224 (only considered if both applicants have the same grade in BIOL 223)
- MATH 126 (only considered if both applicants have the same grade in BIOL 223 and BIOL 224)

Note: the highest grade achieved for courses taken more than once will be used.

Prerequisite Degree Failure to provide official transcripts of an acceptable degree will make the student ineligible for acceptance	• Bachelor of Science applicants must have an associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college and ALL prerequisites to apply. Associate of Applied Science degrees do not meet this criteria. • Certificate applicants must have a previously awarded patient care degree approved by the Program director and ALL program prerequisites
Prerequisite Courses BIOL 223, 224, MATH 126 (or 120 for Certificate), PHYS 100, NURS 140	For each course: 4 points for A, 3 points for B, 2 points for C
Points	From 0-20

If you have tested out of any of the listed General Education courses, or are fulfilling the course requirement with your transferred AS, AA, BS or BA degree, *and* do not provide a grade for the specific course, you will receive 2 points for the course.

General Education Required Courses ENG 101, 102, HMS 200, CMI 376, NURS 337, HSC 300* (or other Mastery Level course per GBC Catalog)	For each course completed: 3 points for A, 2 points for B, 1 point for C
Points	From 0-18

CNA (NURS 130) or AEMT (EMS 118) is required to be considered for acceptance into the Sonography program. Missing proof of completion will cause the application to be dismissed.

* Applicant must provide documentation of honorable discharge on application to receive this point

Veteran of Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard	Yes	No
Points	1	0

Residency*	GBC Student	Nevada Resident	Non-Nevada Area
Points	3	1	0
*To qualify as a GBC student, the student must have completed 15 credits from GBC			
Healthcare Degree	Students holding a patient care health degree with extensive clinical experience, such as RAD, RN, Paramedic or RT will receive 2 points for a previously awarded degree (must be Associate or higher) Proof of degree (diploma or transcripts) must be provided in the application to receive these points		
Points	Points from 0-2		
Level 1 Healthcare Credentials	Applicants with healthcare credentialing such as, CNA, MA (with EKG and Phlebotomy), EMT or AEMT receives 1 point for each credential up to 2 points- Proof of current credentialing such as credentialing card, certification, or licensure, must be provided to receive this point		
Points	Points from 0-2		
Level 2 Healthcare Credentials	Applicants with healthcare credentialing such as, RN, RT(R), CT, MRI, Paramedic etc. receives 2 points for each credential up to 6 points- Proof of current credentialing such as credentialing card, certification or licensure, must be provided to receive this point		
Points	Points from 0-6		

Ultrasound Student Assessment (USA)

This exam must be completed prior to the end of GBC's Spring 2026 Semester to be considered for the program

Points awarded in Physics category	0-3
Points awarded in Clinical Category	0-3
Points awarded in QA Category	0-2
Points awarded in USA Plus Category	0-2
Points from 0-10	

Interview

Applicants selected to interview will receive 0-5 points based on the average score of all interviewers' rubric

Points	0-5
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Total Points Possible: 67



SCHOOL OF Health Sciences & Behavioral Health

BS in Diagnostic Medical Sonography USA testing Requirements

Admission/Entrance Exam USA Testing by Pegasus Lectures is required for all applicants to the GBC Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program.

Details:

1. The student must sign up and complete the USA test from a personal computer before the application deadline.
2. The test can be ordered on the Pegasus Lecture website at [USA Scheduling and Purchasing](#)
3. The student must cover the cost of the exam which is estimated to be \$75-\$95
4. **The USA test is **not compatible** with:
 - Tablet
 - Phone
5. Required exam set up:
 - A computer with a screen resolution minimum of 1100x860 is required.
 - Power to your computer or laptop (running from battery is not recommended).
 - Ensure a reliable internet connection.
 - You **MUST** have a well-functioning mouse and a mouse pad (not a laptop trackpad or other mouse substitute).
 - A functioning video camera.
 - A quiet room in which to take the test.
6. Applicants are permitted one exam attempt within a given application cycle. A reapplicant has the option to retake the exam once in a new application cycle.
7. The total number of allowed attempts is limited to a maximum of two.
8. The exam will take approximately 2.5 hours.
9. Question types vary.
10. This is an aptitude test. It cannot be studied for.
11. Additional information regarding this exam can be found at the [USA Testing Information](#)