

Clinicals

Clinical Orientation

All Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program students must register for and complete a mandatory computer-based general hospital orientation prior to commencing their clinical courses and then annually thereafter. This is required by all affiliate hospitals. The purpose of the orientation is to acquaint the student with common policies, procedures, and guidelines shared by the clinical sites. Topics include “code” recognition, universal precautions, infection control, patient confidentiality, HIPAA, body mechanics, student obligations, and immunization requirements. The students must also complete the HIPAA orientation in the EPCC web site and print all certificates to turn in to the DMS Clinical Coordinator.

Students not completing the orientation will be ineligible to attend their clinical course and may be dropped from the program.

Clinical Hours

1. During the course of the Program, students will complete approximately 1728 hours of clinical training.
2. The total time spent in clinical training and in the classroom will not exceed 40 hours in any calendar week.

Clinical Site

The Program has nine affiliated hospital sites and six outpatient clinics for the clinical education portion of the curriculum. These sites (and their approximate distance from the Rio Grande campus) are:

Affiliated Hospital Sites:

Del Sol Medical Center (10 miles),
Providence Memorial Campus (2 miles),
Las Palmas (2 miles),
El Paso Children’s Hospital (5 miles),
Sierra Campus (4 miles),
University Medical Center (5 miles),
Sierra East Campus (20 miles),
Foundation Surgical Hospital (10 miles), and
Transmountain Campus (14 miles).

Outpatient Clinics:

Desert Imaging West Side (5 miles),
East Side (15 miles),
University Medical Center Clinic (12 miles),
Total Care West (7 miles),
Hagan Imaging (2 miles), and
Physician’s Vascular Services (8 miles).

Uniforms

Students enrolled in the clinical courses are required to purchase uniforms to wear in the clinic as specified by the Program.