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## Alternative Option for Observation Hours

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The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at Volunteer State Community College requires all applicants to obtain at least 16 observation hours of a registered sonographer in a general ultrasound setting. This requirement was created to ensure all applicants experience what a sonographer does on a daily basis while providing an opportunity to ask questions and interact with someone in their prospective profession before they begin their education. Because of the social distancing mandates from the COVID-19 pandemic, many applicants have not been able to gain this experience and we've made an alternative option available. Instead of observing a sonographer in a clinical setting for 16 hours, applicants may fulfill this requirement by the viewing the following videos and exploring the following websites:

1. Ultrasound Profession:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=3&v=4K6tf27z6wU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=4K6tf27z6wU)
2. Job Description of a Sonographer:  
<https://www.owlguru.com/career/diagnostic-medical-sonographers/job-description/>
3. Job Description of a Sonographer 2:  
[https://study.com/articles/How\\_to\\_Become\\_a\\_Diagnostic\\_Medical\\_Sonographer.html](https://study.com/articles/How_to_Become_a_Diagnostic_Medical_Sonographer.html)
4. Ultrasound Accreditation:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYDmryzG5w4>
5. A Day in the Life of a Sonography Student:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2vb8zSfQaw&feature=emb\\_rel\\_end](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2vb8zSfQaw&feature=emb_rel_end)
6. FAQs for Sonography Students:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7tsiwkS2xc>
7. Vol State DMS Website:  
<https://www.volstate.edu/academics/health-sciences/dms>
8. CAAHEP Website:  
<https://www.caahep.org>

There are no substitutes for personal interactive experiences, but these videos and website are intended to provide candid opinions of the profession. The individuals in these videos have no affiliation with Vol State or any of our affiliates. The views they express are their own and do not represent the college. We encourage you to explore as much as you can about the ultrasound profession before you make the commitment to complete this 16-month program.

Any applicant electing to complete this alternative option must sign below stating they have viewed the videos above in their entirety and explored the websites. Submit this completed form with your application package.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date