# Diagnostic Medical Sonography Student Observation Report

Prerequisite for Admittance to the Delta College DMS Program

Student Name: Date

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Contact an Ultrasound Department and request to schedule 8 (minimum) hours in the department to observe.
2. Before leaving the department, have the contact person sign the verification form below.
3. After completing the observation answer the observation questions and return this form as instructed in the validation checklist.

## Section I:

To be filled out by the attending sonographer or supervisor

Name:

Hospital or Clinic:

Phone: Date(s): Hours:

Signature:

## Section II:

After completing the observation answer the observation questions. It is preferred that your responses are typed.

**NOTE: If you observed on a slow day, or a day that was not average for some reason, it is strongly recommended that you set up another eight hours of observation.**

1. **What types of exams did you observe?**
2. **Explain what being “on call” is like for a sonographer and the frequency a sonographer might be on call:**
3. **What does the sonographer like most about their profession?**
4. **What does the sonographer like least about their profession?**
5. **What tips did the sonographer have for succeeding in a sonography program?**
6. **What did you learn about the sonography field that you did not know before your observation?**
7. **What is the employment outlook in sonography locally?**
8. **What are the opportunities for advancement in the field of sonography?**
9. **Based on what you know about the field of sonography, what do you think will be both the advantages and disadvantages of this career for you?**
10. **Although you may not have observed this in one eight-hour day, sonographers do work with body fluids and blood in a limited capacity. How do you feel about working with blood and/or body fluids?**
11. **Based on your observation, is sonography a career that is right for you? Why or why not?**

**If you have questions about the field of sonography that were not answered during your observation, please contact Kim Boldt at** kboldt@delta.edu**.**

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## STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

**STUDENTS ARE NOT TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES AS CURRENT STUDENTS OF THE DELTA DMS PROGRAM. IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT THIS OBSERVATION IS BEING ARRANGED AS A PREREQUISITE TO ENTER THE DMS PROGRAM.**

1. Make arrangements for observation at a local hospital.
2. Confirm your visit with the supervisor at least two days in advance.
3. DRESS APPROPRIATELY
	* -ask your "contact person" what would be appropriate for their clinical area
	* -wear comfortable shoes as you will be on your feet most of the day
	* -DO NOT WEAR jeans, T-shirts, sweatshirts, halter tops, shorts, miniskirts, sandals, or go without socks.
4. ARRIVE PROMPTLY.
5. Introduce yourself and state your reason for being there. Request to see the "contact person" through whom arrangements were made.
6. Notify the "contact person" if you will be late or unable to attend at your scheduled time.
**Note:** *Departments make special arrangements for a student observer so please be courteous and do not reschedule unless absolutely necessary.*
7. Remember that PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR is required as you will be in contact with patients and representing the Imaging Department for the time you are there.
8. If the above criteria are not followed, the observation site is under no obligation to sign the observation report.