



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLLEGE

**SUPPLEMENT TO THE
2021 COLLEGE CATALOG**



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This document is a supplement to the 2021 College Catalog and is provided for the purpose of notifying students of corrections and/or updates to College policy, programs, courses, admissions and graduation requirements which have occurred since the Catalog's publication.

This is a living document; changes will be added until publication of the next Catalog.

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION TO SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLLEGE

SJVC LOCATIONS AND PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Addition: The Vocational Nursing Associate of Science degree program has been added to the list of programs offered at the Rancho Mirage campus. (Catalog p. 16, rev. 12/21/2020)

SECTION 2: ADMISSIONS

VOCATIONAL NURSING

Addition: The Vocational Nursing Associate of Science degree program at the Rancho Mirage campus has been added to the Academic Calendar for Linear Programs, as set forth below. (Catalog p. 23, rev. 12/21/2020)

VOCATIONAL NURSING
Visalia Campus
08/02/2021
Bakersfield Campus
01/04/21
05/03/21
Rancho Mirage Campus
03/08/21
Santa Maria Campus
Please contact the campus for further information

Addition: The Vocational Nursing Associate of Science degree program has been added to the Rancho Mirage campus in the Tuition Table, as set forth below. (Catalog p. 29, rev. 12/21/2020)

CAMPUS	PROGRAM	CREDENTIAL	ACADEMIC YEAR 1	ACADEMIC YEAR 2	ACADEMIC YEAR 3	TOTAL	PROGRAM START DATE
Rancho Mirage	Vocational Nursing	Associate of Science	\$18,850	\$18,850		\$37,700	03/8/21

SECTION 7: BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, ASSOCIATE DEGREE, AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Revision: The program page for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program has been revised to reflect a substantial change to Credential and Professional Certifications, including the removal of the 1,680 hours of work experience required for certification/credentialing and the addition of a new exam pathway to achieve it. (Catalog p. 90, rev. 12/21/2020)

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

This program is offered at the **Bakersfield** campus.

Program Description

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is 73 weeks in length and prepares students to work as an entry-level general sonographer. Students learn how to perform ultrasound scanning examinations and record the data for interpretation by a physician. Graduates are prepared to provide effective oral and written communication to the healthcare team as it pertains to diagnostic results.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the successful student will be able to:

1. Obtain, review, and integrate pertinent patient history and supporting clinical data to facilitate optimum diagnostic results
2. Perform appropriate ultrasound scanning procedures and record anatomic, pathologic, and/or physiologic data for interpretation by a physician
3. Record, analyze, and process diagnostic data and other pertinent observations made during the procedure for presentation to the interpreting physician
4. Exercise discretion and judgment in the performance of sonographic and/or other non-invasive diagnostic services
5. Demonstrate appropriate communication skills with patients and colleagues.
6. Act in a professional and ethical manner
7. Provide patient education related to medical ultrasound and/or other non-invasive diagnostic ultrasound techniques, and promote principles of good health
8. Relate and apply concepts of communication, reasoning, critical analysis, ethical behavior and appropriate interpersonal interaction to situations in his or her career and personal life

Admissions Requirements

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have completed minimum of 9 units from a combination of any of the following prerequisite courses with a grade a "C" or higher at an accredited college or university:
 - Writing and Composition
 - Intermediate Algebra or higher
 - Anatomy and Physiology
 - Medical Terminology

Nine units of prerequisite coursework will be applied to the general education graduation requirement.

Applicants who have successfully completed the prerequisites will be considered for admission into the program. Using a point-based system, applicants will be ranked on the following criteria: cumulative GPA on prerequisite courses, an assessment, professional references, and a personal interview with program faculty. Enrollment decisions are made by the Program Director or his/her designee.

Graduation Requirements

- Successful completion of the courses listed below with a grade of "C" or higher
- Achieve the minimum requirement of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) component
- Successful completion of the Career Services Seminar (CSS 100)
- Successfully complete at **SJVC** or transfer in (at the time of enrollment) 9.0 units of general education in the following subjects:
 - Ethics (PHIL 1C)
 - Two of the following: Economics (ECON 1), General Psychology (PSY 1), or Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1)

Credential and Professional Certifications

Graduates earn an Associate of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and are eligible to sit for the exams required to gain certification through the [American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® \(ARDMS\)](#). Students also earn certification in CPR/First Aid. SJVC prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program.

SJVC enjoys registry status with the [American Registry of Radiologic Technologists \(ARRT\)](#), which provides students a pathway to credentialing without a required number of post-graduate clinical/experiential hours. Upon graduation, students will be eligible to sit for the following exams, in the order noted. After successfully passing these exams, students will earn the Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS) credential. An alternative exam pathway is available to graduates who have earned a previous health studies credential (please see the Program Director for more information).

1. [ARDMS Sonography Principles and Instrumentation \(SPI\) Exam](#)
2. [American Registry of Radiologic Technologists \(ARRT\) Exam](#)
3. [ARDMS Specialty Exam](#) (see Prerequisite 5)

Graduate Employment

The following job categories are considered in-field to calculate the graduate employment rates required by the state of California for graduates of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. Detailed information for each Standard Occupational Code (SOC) can be found at <http://www.onetonline.org/>.

- Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (29-2032.00)

Core Course Requirements

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
DMS 200	Orientation to Ultrasound Imaging Seminar	P/F
DMS 210	Abdominal and Small Parts Ultrasound Imaging	6.0
DMS 210L	Abdominal and Small Parts Ultrasound Imaging Laboratory	5.0
DMS 215	Fundamentals of Sonography	1.0
DMS 220	Obstetrics and Gynecology Ultrasound Imaging	6.0
DMS 220L	Obstetrics and Gynecology Ultrasound Imaging Laboratory	5.0
DMS 225	Patient Care for Sonographers	3.0
DMS 230	Introduction to Vascular Ultrasound Imaging	6.0
DMS 230L	Introduction to Vascular Ultrasound Imaging Laboratory	5.0

DMS 235	Professional Aspects of Sonography	1.0
DMS 240	Physical Principles & Instrumentation of Ultrasound	6.0
DMS 240L	Physical Principles & Instrumentation of Ultrasound Laboratory	5.0
DMS 250	Clinical Practicum I	10.0
DMS 260	Clinical Practicum II	10.0
DMS 300	ARDMS Certifying Examination Review	1.0
Total		70.0

General Education Course Requirements

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
PHIL 1C	Ethics	3.0
PSY 1	General Psychology	3.0
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
Total		9.0
Total Prerequisites		9.0
Program Total		88.0

VOCATIONAL NURSING

Addition: The Vocational Nursing program has been added to the Rancho Mirage campus in the Programs of Study Leading to an Associate of Science Degree Table of Contents. (Catalog p. 75, rev. 12/21/2020)

Addition: The Rancho Mirage campus has been added to the Vocational Nursing Associate of Science degree program page as a location which offers the program. (Catalog p. 121, rev. 12/21/2020)

SECTION 8: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Revision: The course description for VT 270 has been revised to reflect the removal of the California board exams, as they are no longer offered. (Catalog p. 200, rev. 12/21/2020)

VT 270: Course Review and Essential Skills

2.0 Units – 45 hours

In this course students will apply the knowledge gained throughout the program in order to prepare for the VTNE licensure exam and their future career. Students will review specific core knowledge areas of the VTNE. Study and testing strategies will also be discussed. **A grade of "C" or higher is required to pass this course.**

SECTION 8: ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

Addition: The Online faculty directory has been updated to include the faculty member shown below. (Catalog p. 216, rev. 12/21/2020)

Edwin Pouncival Smith

B.S., Health Science, Stevens-Henager College

BSN, South University Online

A.S., Elementary Education, University of Phoenix

A.S., Medical Assisting, Kansas State University