




# DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SERVICES

One of the most common diagnostic medical services careers is diagnostic medical sonography. Diagnostic medical sonographers specialize in creating images of the body's organs and tissues known as sonograms. They prepare patients for procedures by taking their medical history, recording images of their internal organs and tissues, including:

-  abdominal cavities
-  muscles & joints
-  hearts



## How do you become a DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHER?

Diagnostic medical sonographers need formal education, such as an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree. Some may begin earning credit towards an associate's degree at a career technology center.

According to U.S. News and World Report, diagnostic medical sonographers were ranked #24 on the 100 Best Jobs of 2017 list.

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## EDUCATION



OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Associate's in Applied Science with an option in Diagnostic Medical Sonography



TULSA, OK

Associate's in Applied Science with an option in Diagnostic Medical Sonography



MOORE NORMAN TECHNOLOGY CENTER

MOORE / NORMAN, OK

Earn credit toward an Associate's degree in Applied Science with an option in Diagnostic Medical Sonographer



OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Bachelor's degree in Pre-Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences

## SIMILAR OCCUPATIONS

### VASCULAR TECHNOLOGISTS:

Vascular technologists (vascular sonographers) are closely related to cardiovascular technologists, and their duties are similar to those of diagnostic medical sonographers. Vascular technologists create images of blood vessels and collect data that help physicians diagnose disorders affecting blood flow.

VS

### RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

Radiologic technologists, also known as radiographers, perform diagnostic imaging examinations - such as x-rays - on patients. MRI technologists operate magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanners to create diagnostic images.

VS

### CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGISTS & TECHNICIANS:

Cardiovascular technologists and technicians create images, conduct tests, or assist with surgical procedures involving the heart.



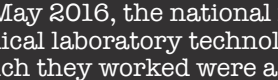
HIGHEST 10 PERCENT EARNED MORE THAN

\$99,100



NATIONAL MEDIAN ANNUAL WAGE FOR DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHERS IN MAY 2016

\$69,650



LOWEST 10 PERCENT EARNED LESS THAN

\$48,660

In May 2016, the national median annual wages for medical and clinical laboratory technologists in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

MEDICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORIES - \$66,690

OFFICES OF PHYSICIANS - \$61,390

HOSPITALS - \$58,330

Occupational Outlook Handbook, <http://bit.ly/2r1mZkt>

OK College Start, <http://bit.ly/1V8bdbo>

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Career Advancement for Ultrasound Technology, <http://bit.ly/2j8RkaG>

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