

John A. Logan College

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**April 14, 2026, 5:30 P.M- 8:30 P.M Adult Cardiac Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Classroom BL9 – JALC campus**

Members Present: Karen Kasban, Program Coordinator; Amber Ryder, Cardiac Sonographer, Carbondale, Memorial Hospital, Carbondale, IL, Callie McGee, 2nd year graduating student, Cohort 2024, Mariah Johnson, 1st year ACDMS student, Cohort 2025, Rebecca Settlemyre, Cardiac Sonographer, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN- 2020 graduate of JALC Cardiac Sonography program. Rebecca joined via Teams.

Guests: Doug Cannon, Director of Respiratory and Cardiac Services, Deaconess Hospital, Marion, IL, Hannah Falgout, HR student Coordinator, Human Resources, Deaconess Hospital, Marion, IL

Members Absent: Mohammed Haseeb, MD, Medical Advisor, Dr. Kristin Yosanovich, Director of Nursing and Dean of Health Sciences, Hayley Watkins, Adjunct faculty, Clinical Coordinator, Marva Schilling, Diagnostic and Cardiac Sonographer, Hamilton Memorial Hospital, Annette Pytlinski, public member, Carissa Fielitz, Cardiac Sonography, St. Anthony Hospital, Effingham, Il- 2020 graduate, Becky Hallock, public member

The General Advisory Committee meeting was held at 5:30 PM at John A Logan College, in the F wing conference center. A short welcome from Scott Wernsman, Dean of Career & Technical Education and Workforce Training, was given. Faculty who are obligated to have yearly advisory meetings along with their members enjoyed a catered dinner prior to individual departmental meetings.

Karen Kasban called the Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography Program advisory meeting to order at 6:56 PM.

Approval of spring meeting minutes, could not be approved, since no members were present from spring of 2025 meeting.

JRC- DMS Annual Report

Karen discussed that the JALC DMS Program Accreditation annual report that was submitted in June 2025 was approved.

For 2026 annual review, JRC-DMS is assisting on how to report outcomes, since no students graduated in the year of 2025, with the new curriculum changes.

Program Review

Review of the cohort of 2023 was given again, since this was the last cohort to graduate under the 'old' curriculum.

Cohort 2023

Graduates

5 students graduated in December 2024. All 5 students are employed.

Employment

1 student at Emory Medical Center, Atlanta, Ga

1 student at Baptist Health Hospital, Paducah, Ky

1 student at Deaconess Hospital System, Evansville, In

1 student at Lourdes, Paducah, Ky and Good Samaritan, Mt. Vernon, Il as PRN at both hospitals.

1 student at St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau, Mo

Credentialing

Update to the credentialing status for Cohort 2024, all students are registered as of 2/26/26. Of the five students 3 were credentialed under the ARDMS and 2 students are credentialed through the CCI, both of which are accepted by JRC-DMS accreditation. A reminder was given that the program prepares students to sit for the ARDMS exam.

Cohort 2024:

16 students accepted into the program.

9 students remain in the program and are preparing to graduate.

5 students took SPI exam and passed first try.

4 students took SPI exam and failed. All students who attempted missed passing by 2-4 points.

1 student has taken the AE (Adult Echocardiography) exam and passed on the first try. As of this report no other students have sat for the AE exam.

Out of 9 students, as of the meeting, 5 students have jobs ready for them upon graduation.

1. Memorial Hospital Springfield, IL
2. St. Anthony Hospital, Effingham, IL
3. Southeast Hospital, Cape Girardeau, IL
4. Southeast Hospital, Cape Girardeau, IL
5. Southeast Hospital, Cape Girardeau, IL

Cohort 2025

16 students accepted and began the program on day 1 of the semester.

By 11/25/25 one student withdrew themselves from the program.

15 students began the second semester of the program.

1 re-entry student was allowed in the second semester to retake courses. By 1/14/26, two days after the semester began, this student was withdrawn administratively.

By 1/26/26 one student went quit attending classes and no communication, this student ended up withdrawing from the program.

By 2/11/26 students were administratively withdrawn from the program due to attendance issues, and late assignments.

By 2/27/26 students were administratively withdrawn for academic dishonesty.

Currently 12 students remain in the program.

Approximately 5 students are taking co requisites along with the dedicated program courses.

Orientation for incoming fall students is scheduled for June 11, 2026, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm and June 18, 2026, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. As of now the program had 64 applicants for fall 2026 cohort. Acceptance letters were sent out on April 13, 2026, for 16 students to come into the program with three alternates on standby.

Program review for college

Submitted program review for college administration of the DMS program. I am waiting for review and feedback.

Clinical affiliates

We currently have students placed at the following sites:

Herrin Hospital, Herrin, Il (1 student, one 1st year)

Carbondale Hospital, Carbondale, Il (2 students, one 2nd year and one 1st year)

Good Samaritan Hospital, Mt. Vernon, Il (3 students, two 2nd year and one 1st year)

Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, Ky (one 1st year)

Southeast Hospital, Cape Girardeau, Mo (2 students, two 2nd year)

St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau, Mo (3 students, two 2nd year and one 1st year)

St. Anthony Hospital, Effingham, Il (2 students, one 2nd year, and one 1st year)

Memorial Hospital, Springfield, Il (one 2nd year)

Missouri Delta Medical Center, Sikeston, MO – new clinical site (1 student, 1st year)

Hamilton Memorial Hospital, McLeansboro, IL – new clinical site (1 student, 1st year)

Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, Mo (1 student, 1st year)

Carle Foundation, Urbana, IL (1 student, 1st year)

Have repeatedly reached out to Deaconess, Marion, IL and Missouri Baptist, Paducah, KY without reply.

Full time faculty

Karen Kasban, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of the Adult Cardiac Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program.

Fall 2025- DMS 104 -01, 02 16 weeks lab and lecture Ultrasound Foundations

DMS 246 – 01 clinical placement of students at clinical site.

DMS 200 – 01 8-week, lecture

DMS 210 -01 8-week lecture

DMS 224 – 01, 02 16 weeks lecture

ALH 217 V1 medical terminology 16 weeks- online

Spring 2026 – DMS 202 -01 Cardiac Anatomy and Physiology, lecture

DMS 204 -01, 02 Ultrasound Cardiac Imaging and Lab I, lecture and lab instructor

DMS 230 V1 16 week online

DMS 206 –01, 02 clinical placement of students at clinical site.

Adjunct faculty

Hayley Watkins is adjunct faculty and clinical coordinator.

Fall 2025 DMS 246 – 01, clinical supervision

Spring 2026 DMS 204 –01, 02 Ultrasound Cardiac Imaging and Lab I, lab instructor

DMS 206 – 01 Cardiac Ultrasound clinic, clinical supervision

DMS 112 – 01, Cardiac EKG and electrophysiology

Upcoming summer and fall 2026:

Full time Faculty

Karen Kasban, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of the Adult Cardiac Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program.

Summer semester 2026:

DMS 214 Cardiac Ultrasound imaging and Lab II -01,02 Lecture and Lab

DMS 226 Cardiac Ultrasound Clinic II – placement of students at clinical site

Fall Semester 2026:

DMS 104 – 01, 02 Ultrasound Foundations, Lecture, lab

DMS 200 –01 Medical Physics and Instrumentation I – first 8 weeks

DMS 210 –01 Medical Physics and Instrumentation II – second 8 weeks

DMS 224 – 01,02 Cardiac Ultrasound Imaging and lab III, lecture, lab

DMS 236 – 01 Cardiac Ultrasound Clinic III, clinical placement

Adjunct Faculty

Hayley Watkins, adjunct faculty, clinical coordinator.

Summer Semester 2026:

DMS 214 Cardiac Ultrasound imaging and Lab II -01,02 Lab

DMS 226 Cardiac Ultrasound Clinic II –Clinical Coordinator

Fall semester 2026:

DMS 236 -01 Cardiac Ultrasound Clinic- clinical supervision

DMS 224 -01,02 Cardiac Ultrasound Imaging and Lab III, Lab Instructor

Learning Outcomes

5 out of 9 test takers for SPI successfully passed the SPI exam 55%

1 out of 1 test taker for AE successfully passed the AE exam 100%

Surveys- Graduate and Employer

Will report, cohort 2024 in Spring 2027.

Cohort 2023 surveys: overall rating of the program 2 marked poor, 1 marked fair and 2 marked good.

Strengths of the program: prepared me, small nit class, understanding how something happens.

What would you say needs to be strengthened: more information on Doppler, image optimization, do not have an insane amount of homework, more professors, more physics tutoring and less intensity on physics.

Skills that did not prepare them in the program: TEE.

Comments from members: Doug Cannon from Deaconess stated that equipment may not be as great as the clinical site and image optimization may be better at the clinical sites rather than on campus.

Amber stated the program was difficult, but Karen was a great teacher and so helpful.

No old business to discuss.

New Business

ACDMS club was approved but foundation have not been set yet. Program coordinator is having a difficult time finding the time to put this together.

ADA compliance

Work in progress. All courses and syllabi need to be ADA compliant.

Curriculum revisions for the summer of 2026:

DMS 214 will go to 3 CR (2,2)

DMS 226 will go to 2.5 CR (0, 7.5)

Tentative discussed revisions that have not been approved by accreditation or C & I:

Move ALH 101 (CPR) to spring semester

Move DMS 112 (EKG) to first fall semester.

Make BIO 206 prerequisite to the program.

Combine 8 week summer lab with 8 week spring lab, so students would complete 16 weeks on campus scan lab, instead of splitting between spring and summer. This way students would only go to clinical in the summer and this would be their first clinical rotation. This would prevent overlap of first year and second year students in the spring semester. May help with clinical site placement.

Questions from members:

Rebecca asked if congenital heart disease/ pediatric was still being taught. Yes, it is being taught. It is a part of the accreditation curriculum. Becky stated that she is now registered in pediatric echo and has much information on CHD. She also offered to come talk to students about this topic. She stated that VUMC has contracts with other schools in the Nashville area, but they prefer our students over the other schools. They currently have 3 open sonographer positions.

Amber Ryder asked about homework and how it is given. No 'learning objectives' where students submit 20 pages of notes. Work comes from required textbooks, guided notes, short answer questions are given to the students.

Discussion: AI is a big problem. Students' answers are correct but does not exactly fit the narrative of information that they should know to pass the registry exams. Students are not

buying books to use. No classroom participation. (little) and students are giving the bare minimum of work to just get things done.

First year student, Mariah Johnson, stated that she is frustrated with students using AI in the classroom and students are using it a lot. Mariah suggested that students start putting sources for answers on homework. Callie, 2nd year student, agreed. She stated that she does this already to show her efforts on her assignments.

JRC-DMS

Annual Report due June 15, 2026, as stated earlier in the meeting.

Next Meeting

Next advisory board meeting will be spring 2027.

Adjournment: The meeting was concluded at 8:13 PM.

Meeting minutes taken by Callie McGee, 2nd year student representative.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kasban, program coordinator, Adult Cardiac Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program 4/21/26.