HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT- SONOGRAPHY CERTIFICATE
Competitive Admission Requirements for Sonography Programs:

Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Echocardiography

If you wish to enter into one of our competitive admission programs, you must meet all admission criteria for the program prior to entrance. Students will be evaluated after final grades have been posted from the semester before the planned entrance date. Class size will be determined by availability of clinical sites and number of faculty.

In order for a prospective student to be considered for admission into a competitive admission program, all of the follow must apply:

1. Completion of a signed Letter of Interest submitted to the Admissions Office for the semester the student is interested in entering.

   Letters of Interest for Competitive Admission Programs located on the OTC web-site:
   http://www.ogeecheetech.edu/index.php/component/content/article/37-admissions/239-forms-a-packets

2. 18 years of age or older at moment of application.

3. Completion of all required course work-listed below, with a cumulative program grade point average (GPA) or at least 3.0. Course work may be obtained by enrolling in the Health Care Assistant-Sonography Track Certificate.
   a. Includes all attempts of required coursework listed below within the previous five years. A student may submit a waiver through the Admissions Office to have all coursework older than 5 years to be included in the calculations for competitive admissions. A student will not be able to choose specific coursework to include and exclude if a waiver is submitted.
   b. Grades from transfer credits will be included in the calculation of the cumulative program GPA for competitive admissions.
   c. Students must complete all courses within the required TCC with a “C” or better and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
   d. Required Course Work for Sonography and Echocardiography: ENGL 1010, MATH 1013, PSYC 1010, COMP 1000, ALHS 1011, ALHS 1040, ALHS 1090, BUSN 1240, MATH 1127, ALHS 1126, EMPL 1000 (COMP 1000 must be taken within five years of program entrance)
4. Applicant has taken (at Ogeechee Technical College) the **Psychological Services Bureau (PSB)** exam required by
the program: PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Examination:

Applicant must meet the following requirements on the PSB:

- A cumulative score of 150 or higher
- A 35 or higher on the Vocational Adjustment section

OTC sets a specific number of admission slots for each competitive admission program. After all admission
requirements have been met, students will be selected for available slots using the following criteria:

For PSB Health Occupation Aptitude Examination for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography and
Echocardiography program:

- The highest score on the Vocational Adjustment section of the PSB exam
- If a tie exists, the highest cumulative score on the PSB exam
- If a tie continues to exist, the highest cumulative GPA

**NOTE:** The PSB may be taken no more than twice, and the highest score from each section will be used.

**PSB Aptitude Examination:** The exam is given several times each semester. A student will be allowed two testing
attempts for the PSB exam. A student is required to wait a minimum of 30 days between the first and second attempts.

PSB scores from other schools will not be accepted. A student will be allowed one attempt at no charge and will be
required to pay a $25 retest fee for a second attempt. If you have questions or wish to register for the PSB test, you
may access the assessment center on the OTC web-site: [http://www.ogeecheetech.edu/index.php/psb-testing](http://www.ogeecheetech.edu/index.php/psb-testing)

Upon acceptance into the DMS or Echocardiography Program **you will also be required to submit to a criminal
background check and a drug screening for placement in the clinical setting.** If a clinical site determines that there is
adverse information on the criminal background check report, you may not be placed in a clinical setting. Placement will
be at the discretion of the clinical education site.