



Dear Successful Applicant:

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

You have been successful in securing a position within the Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography Program here at St. Clair College. We are very pleased to offer you the opportunity to begin your study of this exciting field with us.

It is imperative to your success that, before accepting this position, you are aware of the program layout and challenges involved. The program is a condensed 2-year program, intensely delivered over a period of 16-months of study. During this time, you will be required to complete two mandatory clinical placement rotations.

The clinical rotations consist of two, 12-week rotations in semesters 3 and 4 of the program. The clinical placement sites are located throughout the province of Ontario and may not be in your home city. Costs incurred during the clinical placements will be the responsibility of the student and will include housing and travel expenses. In addition, the student must provide their own transportation to and from the clinical site daily.

Once again, we welcome you to the program and look forward to assisting you on the road to a rewarding career in diagnostic cardiac sonography.

Best regards,

School of Health Sciences

## THINGS TO DO in preparation for the start of your program:

### 1. Uniforms

Uniforms can be purchased from a uniform retailer of your choice (Ex: Wear N Care – Windsor, ON) and can be found online (Ex: Amazon.ca). Uniforms, (**olive-green scrubs**), will be worn throughout all 16 months of your education, including your clinical placements. Students are encouraged to double check the fit of their uniform—assuring the ability to sit, bend, crouch, and reach, while maintaining proper coverage. **Iron-on program patches** can be purchased from the Campus Bookstore. The patch is to be worn on the left-sleeve of the scrub top.

**The uniform is to be worn at all times in the lab and while on clinical placements. NO EXCEPTIONS.**



### 2. Textbooks

Textbooks can be purchased from the Campus Bookstore and can be located under their course codes.

The following are the course codes for first semester classes:

- **DCS 101** Cardiac Sonography Basics
- **DCS 102** Introduction to Echocardiography
- **DCS 103** Cardiovascular Anatomy & Physiology
- **DCS 104** Applied Echocardiography I
- **SON 102** Sonography Physics I

### **3. Clinical Placement Requirements**

There will be items that require your attention before your first clinical placement.

For information regarding clinical placement requirements and medical requirements, please visit the “PLACEMENT” tab on our program webpage. Clinical placement requirements MUST be completed by Second Semester – March 15th. The first clinical placement begins in May. If a student fails to meet the requirements, the student will not be allowed to attend clinical and may be significantly delayed while the conditions are being fulfilled. This could result in a grade of “unsatisfactory” for that semester. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all requirements are kept valid for the duration of the clinical placement portion of the program. Students are responsible for all costs associated with requirements.

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