Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Sciences – Degree Completion Emphasis
Harper College – AAS – Diagnostic Medical Sonography

The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program is designed to prepare the student to enter allied health and other health related fields. The health sciences program focuses on providing the student with a strong foundation through general education and health science-based curriculum with a focus on health care leadership skills, financial principles, management strategies, and standards to improve patient care.

The degree completion emphasis is off-campus/online and is designed uniquely for health and human sciences professionals. Applicants must be practicing health or human sciences professionals who hold a current professional credential, certificate, or license in a health or human sciences field and have completed an applied associates degree program or equivalent number of credits. The professional credential, certificate or license must be in the field in which the degree was earned.

### AAS Diagnostic Medical Sonography:

**HARPER required course** | **NIU Articulation** | **NIU Requirement satisfied**
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BIO 160 (4) and BIO 161 (4) | BIOS 357 – Anatomy & Physiology | Hours towards 120
ENG 101 (3) | ENGL 103 – Rhetoric and Composition I | GE-Foundational Studies
MATH Elective (3) (select MTH 165) | STAT 208 – Basic Statistics | GE-Foundational Studies/Major
PHY 100 (3) | PHYS 150-Physics | GE-Nature and Technology
Humanities/WCD Elective (3) Choose from ART 133; FRN 210; GER 210; HST 210, LIT 208, 220; 223, 224; MUS 104; PHI 160, 190; SGN 210; SPA 210; THE 121 | Creativity & Critical Analysis GE | GE-Society and Culture
SPE 101 (3) | COMS 100 – Oral Communication | GE-Foundational Studies
HSC 112 (2) | HSCI 318 – Medical Term | Major
HSC 213 (2) | Elective | Hours towards 120
HSC courses | N/C | N/C – see proficiency credit
DMS courses | N/C | N/C – see proficiency credit

(27 credit hours)

### Additional HARPER courses to meet NIU general education and/or Health Sciences Major requirements:

- ENG 102 (3) | ENGL 203 – Rhetoric and Composition II | GE-Foundational Studies
- Humanities (3) | Select course at Harper meeting NIU Creativity and Critical Analysis | GE-Creativity and Critical Analysis
- DIT 101 (3) or Life or Physical Science course (3) | Select course at Harper meeting NIU Nature and Technology | GE-Nature and Technology
- PSY 101 (3) | PSYC 102 – Introduction to Psychology | GE-Society & Culture Major
- PSY 228 (3) | HDFS 280 – Human Development | GE-Society and Culture

(15 credit hours)

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Proficiency Credits
(30 credits)
AAS Diagnostic Medical Sonography graduates with current license & eligible to practice, maximum proficiency credit allowed
UHHS 300 – Experiences in HHS II
Hours toward 120 credits required for degree

Major courses to be taken through NIU
All online
(31 credit hours)
NIU Course Number | NIU Course Title
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AHRS 200 (3) | Disability in Society
HSCI 310 (3) | Introduction to HHS
HSCI 350 (3) | Critical Thinking for HHS Professions
HSCI 410 (3) | Legal & Ethical Issues
HSCI 430 (3) | Working with Diverse Populations in HHS
HSCI 450 (3) | Administration for Professionals in HHS
HSCI 455 (3) | Resource Allocation in HHS
HSCI 460 (3) | Introduction to Research in HHS
HSCI 490 (1) | Capstone in Health Sciences
PHHE 295 (3) | Introduction to Public Health
UHHS 365 (3) | Overview of Gerontology

Electives for 120 hours required for graduation: can be taken at HARPER or at NIU
(17 credits)
Electives to meet minimum required hours at NIU can be selected by student and taken at NIU or Harper

Admission to the Baccalaureate Completion Program

- Admission to NIU as a regular degree seeking student – refer to Office of Admissions for application deadlines for regular university admission: [http://www.niu.edu/apply/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/apply/index.shtml)

- Completed AAS in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, current license, and practicing (or eligible to practice) as a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer.

- Submit application for the B.S. in Health Sciences – degree completion emphasis, including written professional goals statement and copies of appropriate professional credentials, certificates, or license

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Academic Advising
All NIU students must meet university graduation and general education (GE) requirements. Degree completion students work with the NIU advisor to identify GE deficiencies and monitor progress toward completion of these and other university graduation requirements (i.e. 120 total credit hours with at least 30 hours from NIU.)

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