



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY  
School of Allied Health Professions

# Medical Sonography Observation

A key component for admission into our medical sonography program is observation in an ultrasound department, preferably at Loma Linda University Medical Center. We provide opportunities for prospective students at Loma Linda University Medical Center to see first-hand what the profession is about. We encourage prospective students to observe sonography procedures and to talk to sonography professionals and graduates of our programs.



## **Can I observe both sonography and cardiac before making a decision to apply, and can I observe before completing all the courses?**

No. Observation can only be scheduled for applicants applying in the specialty they choose (Bachelor's or Cardiac Certificate) and ready to start the program in the current year, in only one area. If prerequisites cannot be completed in the current year, observation cannot be scheduled.

## **How many hours of observation are required?**

Eight hours are required as part of the application process for the program. Students must have their observation done by the end of March and completed before their interview. It is preferred that some observation is done at LLUMC, if distance allows.

## **What do I wear to patient observation appointments?**

Dress professionally. Lab coats or scrubs are preferred or professional dress for patient-care setting. No open-toe shoes. Tattoos must be covered. Piercings must be limited to no more than one per ear. Jewelry should be minimal due to safety reasons.

## **Risks and hazards**

As a prospective student observer you will be asked to sign a waiver of liability before you are allowed in a clinical/hospital setting. You may be exposed to environmental hazards commonly found in a hospital radiation services setting (i.e. x-ray radiation hazards, exposure to contagious diseases, etc.). You must also adhere to the patient confidentiality policies of the facility.

## **How to request observation time?**

After you have applied and attended a program information session, you will be invited by the program director or clinical coordinator to participate in observation time at our Medical Center

**Where do I park?**

You will need to park in "Lot X" located near Centennial Complex building off of Stewart Street and walk over to the hospital. This may take an additional ten to fifteen minutes to walk across campus.

**Where to report for observations?**

When observing at Loma Linda University Medical Center, (LLUMC) report to the ultrasound department on the second floor. Identify yourself to the department sonographer in the conference room.

**During your observation, you will:**

- Observe sonography procedures on patients.
- Talk to sonography professionals and or graduates of the program.

**How do I make the most of my observation time?**

- Come with a basic knowledge about sonography and our programs, either from researching the profession and our program information online or by asking pertinent questions during the observation time.
- Be prepared with pertinent relevant questions during observation time for both clinical faculty and sonography professionals.
- Come with a high desire to maintain high standards for didactic and clinical performance, and present that desire during observation time.
- Engage and demonstrate a willingness to learn while you observe.
- Show professional manners, such as being on time, dressing professionally, and interacting with patients and staff in an appropriate manner.
- Show enthusiasm and motivation for successful completion of the program.

**NOTE:** Observation can only be scheduled for applicants applying and ready to start the program in the current year. If prerequisites cannot be completed in the current year, observation will not be scheduled

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## Sonography Observation Form (BSDMS and Cardiac)

A minimum of eight hours of observation time is required.

If you are pursuing a BS in DMS, then you must observe in as many areas as is possible.

If you are pursuing the Cardiac Certificate, you only need to observe in Cardiac.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed year and term of entry at Loma Linda University: \_\_\_\_\_ year

Date of observation: \_\_\_\_\_

# of hours of observation completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic lab or facility you observed at: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervising clinician: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone or email of supervising clinician: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark the areas where you observed:

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|--|--|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obstetrics        | <input type="checkbox"/> Gynecology                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Abdomen   | <input type="checkbox"/> Aorta         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liver/gallbladder | <input type="checkbox"/> Vascular (carotids, venous) |                                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breast            | <input type="checkbox"/> Testicular                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric | <input type="checkbox"/> Neonatal Head |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                       |                                    |  |

Please provide a short synopsis of your observation experience in the space provided: