Want to Spend a Day in the Life of a Sonographer?

Several of our program's clinical sites offer prospective students shadowing opportunities that provide an inside look at what sonographers do daily. Although we have listed the contact information for several clinical sites offering observational experiences, please know that this list is not all-inclusive. If you have another hospital or clinic you are interested in observing, please contact that department Manager for assistance.

For students without a medical imaging degree: Prior to submitting your application to the program, we require you to shadow at any sonography department. You may visit a general ultrasound, Echocardiography, OB ultrasound, or Vascular ultrasound department. We *will not* make these arrangements for you. You must contact the department of your choice to make all arrangements.

Note: *Due to your close contact with patients, you will most likely be required to present updated vaccination records and submit hospital-specific consent forms before your shadowing experience. Please use the contact list below to schedule your observation and obtain the necessary paperwork.*

Location	Contact Person	Email Address/phone number
Columbus Regional Hospital General	Jackie Hood	JHood1@crh.org
Community Imaging Center General	Misty Huckleberry Supervisor Outpatient Centers	MHuckleberry@ecommunity.com 317-621-3657 Shadowing students should use the web link to complete necessary paperwork before the shadowing experience. https://www.ecommunity.com/careers/observation-student-opportunities
Community East OB	Crystal Yost	CYost@ecommunity.com
Community North OB	Lauren Andrew	llong3@ecommunity.com
Community South Hospital	Katy Stallings Manager of Volunteer Services	KStallings2@ecommunity.com
Eskenazi General/OB/Vascular/Echo	Sarah Rukaj Clinical Preceptor	Sarah.Rukaj@eskenazihealth.edu
Franciscan Alliance -Echo	Kellie Durcholz Clinical Coordinator	kconte@iu.edu
Hancock Regional Hospital	Kathy Peters Lead Ultrasound Technologist	KPETERS@hancockhealth.org
IU Health Bloomington-General	Miranda Buchanan Cathy Ensman	mbuchanan3@iuhealth.org censman@iuhealth.org

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U Health Bloomington-Echo	Jen Carrasquel Cathy Ensman	jcarrasquel@iuhealth.org censman@iuhealth.org
IU Health Methodist Vascular	Dave Rollins Manager/Technical Director Lynda Nelson Team Lead	Drollins@iuhealth.org 317-962-9648 Lnelson2@iuhealth.org 317-962-0222 The following links apply to any IU Health facility. IU Health Shadow Handbook.pdf IU Health Shadowing Application.pdf
IU Health North Hospital General	Beverly Walker Imaging Manager	bwalker9@iuhealth.org
IU Health West Echo	Cheri Weisheit Cardiac Diagnostics Supervisor	CWeisheit@iuhealth.org 317-217-3099
IU Health West General	Brandi Peterson Ultrasound Clinical Instructor & Sam Shultz	Bpeterson2@iuhealth.org Sshultz@iuhealth.org
MHP Major Hospital	Angie Kern Ultrasound Supervisor	Akern@majorhospital.org Shadowing students should use the web link to complete necessary paperwork before the shadowing experience. Health Career Clinical Observation Application - Major Health Partners Volunteer Services (volgistics.com)
Riley Hospital for Children General	Beth Jones Ultrasound Supervisor	Bjones19@iuhealth.org
Riley Hospital for Children Pediatric Echo	Jennifer Lussier Manager Non-Invasive Cardiac Testing	Jennluss@iu.edu
Riley Hospital Maternal Fetal Medicine	Lori Brookshear Ultrasound Supervisor	Lcravens@iuhealth.org 317-944-2382
Riverview Health Hospital General	Jennifer Dessing-Stone Ultrasound Supervisor	Jdessingstone@riverview.org 317-776-7174

Documentation of Sonography Clinical Observation

Sonography clinical observation (job shadow) is required for any prospective student without a medical imaging credential. Proof of clinical observation will be required at the time you apply to the Diagnostic Sonography Program. Students who complete clinical observations typically have a better understanding of the career field and are more satisfied with their career selection.

Clinical observations may be completed at any hospital location. The student is responsible for coordinating their experience in a timely manner to ensure documentation is completed before the Sonography Program application deadline. Although the Sonography Program can provide students with an updated list of clinical observation sites that may be able to take observers upon request, it is still the student's responsibility to coordinate their experience.

The student must bring the verification form, and it must be filled out by a Sonographer at the time of the visit. An original copy of this completed form should be attached and submitted as part of the Diagnostic Sonography Program application. Date of observation must be within the last 12 months prior to application submission.

Documentation that is not legible or filled out completely will not be considered.

Site #1 Documentation:

Student Name: _____ Site Name & Department: _____

Location (City, State): _____ Date of Observation: _____

Starting Time and Ending Time: _____

Name of Sonographer Observed: _____

Email Address and/or Phone Number of Sonographer Observed: _____

Signature of Sonographer Observed: _____

Site #2 Documentation (OPTIONAL):

Student Name: _____ Site Name & Department: _____

Location (City, State): _____ Date of Observation: _____

Starting Time and Ending Time: _____

Name of Sonographer Observed: _____

Email Address and/or Phone Number of Sonographer Observed: _____

Signature of Sonographer Observed: _____

To document additional sites (optional) complete and submit another form.

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Expectations for Clinical Observation

1. **Maintain Patient Confidentiality**
   - Always follow HIPAA guidelines
   - Do not discuss patient information in public areas or on social media
   - Only access information necessary for the observation
2. **Dress and Appearance**
   - Wear the required dress code (scrubs or business casual as instructed by facility)
   - Maintain proper hygiene and a neat, professional appearance
   - No food or drinks
3. **Punctuality and Attendance**
   - Arrive on time and remain for the full scheduled observation
   - Notify the supervising sonographer or instructor if delayed or unable to attend
4. **Professional Behavior**
   - Be respectful to patients, sonographers, physicians, nurses, and staff
   - Use appropriate language; avoid slang, jokes, or personal conversations
   - Exhibit open and caring body language
   - Limit personal belongings, bring only what is needed, note pad and pen are allowed
   - Refrain from using personal electronic devices to include cell phones unless permitted
5. **Patient Interaction**
   - Observe patient dignity, privacy, and comfort
   - Do not touch patients or equipment unless explicitly instructed and supervised
6. **Scope of Role**
   - Observe only; do not perform exams or make clinical decisions
   - Follow the direction of the supervising sonographer
   - Stay within assigned areas of the department
   - Witness the role of a sonographer's daily life
   - Understand behaviors carry beyond the observation experience, serving as an unofficial interview for both the student and site
7. **Communication**
   - Listen attentively and accept feedback professionally
   - Ask questions respectfully and at suitable times

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