

# DMS PROGRAM FAQs

## PREREQUISITES & TRANSFER CREDIT

**Q.** Can the general education/prerequisite courses be taken at any other college or transferred?

**A.** Yes (except for Orientation - ORI 101). ORI 101 must be taken at Trenholm. Please visit the [College catalog](#) for more information on transfer credits and required GPA (2.5).

**Q.** I have taken several of the general required courses but that was many years ago. Will these courses still be accepted?

**A.** 3 (three) general required courses (MTH 100, BIO 201, and PHY 112 or PHY 115 or PHY 120 or PHY 201) must have been taken within 7 years of admittance into the program. If it has been longer than 7 years, those courses must be retaken.

**Q.** Does it increase my chances of getting in if I take the prerequisite/general courses at Trenholm?

**A.** No. Whether a student takes the prerequisite courses at Trenholm, or not, will not increase the chance of being accepted into the DMS program.

**Q.** How do I get started?

**A.** Please visit our [webpage](#) and view the “How do I get started” section (about halfway down the page).

**Q.** Does Trenholm accept CLEP?

**A.** Yes. Trenholm State Community College accepts credits earned from the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) provided that there is a course equivalent in the student’s degree plan. Credit will be indicated on the student’s transcript as “EC” (exemption/CLEP). A listing of minimum acceptable CLEP scores is available in the Office of Admissions and Records. The College does not administer CLEP tests. If a CLEP test is available for a particular course, credit by departmental examination will not be given.

**Q.** Do I have to take the ACCUPLACER test?

**A.** The answer is yes, unless you qualify for exemption.

**Q.** Do I qualify for exemption from the ACCUPLACER?

**A.** In order to be exempt from the ACCUPLACER:

- <https://www.trenholmstate.edu/future-students/admissions-records/enrollment-process/accuplacer-placement-assessment/>

**Q.** If I do have to take the ACCUPLACER, do I need to study for the ACCUPLACER?

**A.** Yes! [CLICK HERE](#) for the link about ACCUPLACER assistance and scoring.

**Q.** I have applied to the College, received my Trenholm student ID#, and accessed my transcript through the Trenholm portal, but I do not see my transfer credits. Can you help?

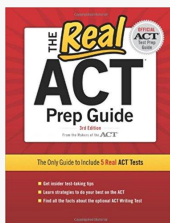
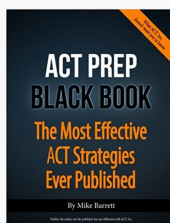
**A.** The program faculty cannot assist with this. All questions regarding transfer of credits or

potential transfer of credits should be discussed with Dr. Tennie McBryde, Director of Records, 334-420-4306 or [tmcbryde@trenholmstate.edu](mailto:tmcbryde@trenholmstate.edu).

## ACT

- Q.** I see that the ACT is required. If I already have a degree, do I still need to take the ACT?
- A.** Yes. Regardless of prior educational achievements, the ACT score is a criteria utilized in determining admittance into the program. All applicants must provide documentation of an ACT score. There are no time constraints or expiration on ACT scores for the DMS program.
- Q.** Do I need to take the writing portion of the ACT?
- A.** No, the writing portion is not required.
- Q.** If I took my ACT a long time ago can I still use it?
- A.** Yes. There are no time constraints or expiration on ACT scores for the DMS program.
- Q.** I see that I need to have an official copy of my ACT for the DMS application. How do I do that?
- A.** You will need to [contact ACT](#) and have them send an official copy to the College.
- Q.** I want to try to improve my ACT score - are there materials out there that you suggest?
- A.** There are several local ACT tutoring services:  
[ACT Prep Montgomery](#) - 256-541-7888  
[Sylvan Learning Center](#) - 334-262-0043  
[Huntington Learning Center](#) - 334-277-9200

There are also books that may help:



\*\*\*These 2 books work together\*\*\*

[Kahn Academy](#) - ACT and SAT test similar skills but with different emphasis. Khan Academy has a whole test prep section devoted to SAT prep that may help.

## ONLINE, EVENING, & WEEKEND OFFERINGS

- Q.** Are any of the DMS classes online?
- A.** The DMS program is a full-time day program which requires a student to be present approximately 30-40 hours during the week. You should prepare to devote Monday – Friday 8 hour days to the program. Some of the general education prerequisite courses are offered online but this would be prior to entering the program.
- Q.** Is the DMS program offered at night or on the weekends?
- A.** Not at this time. The DMS program is a full-time day program which requires a student to be present approximately 30-40 hours during the week. You should prepare to devote Monday – Friday 8 hour days to the program.

## **DMS PROGRAM APPLICATION**

- Q.** I don't have all the general required courses completed, can I still apply for the program?
- A.** No. All prerequisite courses & ACT must be completed and a final grade must be on your transcript when your DMS application is submitted.
- Q.** When can I apply?
- A.** Please visit our [webpage](#) for up-to-date information regarding the next application period.
- Q.** How many students apply each year?
- A.** The number of applicants varies year to year. On average, we receive 20-40 applications per year.

## **ACCEPTANCE**

- Q.** How do I increase my chances of getting into the program?
- A.** ACT score. All applicants who meet the minimum qualification and who have submitted a completed application will be ranked according to ACT. The top fifteen (15) students with the highest ACT scores are sent acceptance letters. It is difficult to answer what is a "safe" ACT score. Below are the average ACT score for 2016-2020:
- 2016 - 21.3  
2017 - 21.8  
2018 - 21.2  
2019 - 21.3  
2020 - 21.9  
5 year average = 21.5
- Q.** How many students are admitted into the program each year?
- A.** Depending on the availability of preceptorship sites, the program anticipates on accepting 15 students each year. Subject to clinical site availability.

## **GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

- Q.** Once all general required courses are taken, what is the length of the DMS program?
- A.** The DMS program is 17.5 months (4 semesters) long and is continuous: Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall.
- Q.** How much does the program cost?
- A.** The cost varies based on the cost of tuition. As of fall 2020, the tuition cost is \$161 per semester credit hour. [Click here](#) to view the tuition/fee sheet.
- Q.** How often do the DMS classes meet?
- A.** It varies. The DMS program is a full-time day program which requires a student to be present approximately 30-40 hours during the week. You should prepare to devote Monday – Friday 8 hour days to the program. This does not include study time at home.
- Q.** Where are DMS clinical sites located and how is a preceptorship/clinical site placement determined?

- A.** Clinical sites are located throughout Central Alabama. All students will be required to travel in order to meet all requirements.

## **JOB PLACEMENT**

**Q.** **How many people go on to get jobs after graduation?**

**A.** Over the last three (3) years 100% of our students have gone on to work in the field.

**Q.** **Do you offer job placement after graduation?**

**A.** We do not *place* students for jobs but we are the “go to” place that employers/facilities look to for their ultrasound staffing needs. Over the last three (3) years 100% of our students seeking employment in the ultrasound field have been hired in the field. Students participate in clinical/preceptorship rotations that will allow for hands-on experience. This provides an opportunity for the student and the facility to get to know one another and is a chance for the student to make a good impression as these are potential employers.

## **WORK**

**Q.** **I have a job that requires me to work during the day. Can I continue that job and still enter this program?**

**A.** We do not offer an evening, weekend, or online program at this time. The DMS program is a full-time day program which requires a student to be present approximately 30-40 hours during the week. You should prepare to devote Monday – Friday 8 hour days to the program. This does not include study time at home.

**Q.** **Can I continue to work while I am in the program?**

**A.** We have, and have had, numerous students work while in the program. Since the DMS program is a full-time, 30-40 per week commitment, some students find it difficult to balance course load, work load, and study time. Your schedule will be rigorous while in the program with various classwork and clinicals while maintaining the required 75 average in all classes. You should prepare to devote Monday – Friday 8 hour days to the program. This does not include study time at home.