

NOTICE: As of December 20, 2025

****Please note, this program is undergoing changes to admission requirements and the application for this program is currently closed; anticipated to reopen March 3rd, 2025.**

The curriculum for this program will not change at this time. **

Echocardiography Admissions Guide

The Echocardiography Degree offers a rewarding career performing ultrasound imaging of adult hearts. **This is a competitive admission program; full program acceptance is not guaranteed.** Ranking for selection into the program occurs twice per year, in June and December. To be considered for selection, complete all steps listed on this page by the designated ranking date(s). Please note there are several admissions steps; it is important to get started on them right away.

***Please complete steps 1-9 in the order listed below:**

ITEM	COMPLETED
1. Apply to the Echocardiography program nwtc.edu/Apply	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Submit Transcripts Send high school and college transcripts (if applicable) to transcripts@nwtc.edu	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Complete Assessment** <i>(If Applicable)</i> The assessment may be waived if your high school or college GPA is 3.0 or higher; or if you have already taken the ACT or Accuplacer. It is important that all transcripts are sent (for review) to determine if the assessment is needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Complete the Ultrasound Information Session Log into nwtc.edu/MyNwtc and navigate to "Admissions." Select "Orientations" and complete the Ultrasound Information Session.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Complete the Spatial Ability Test <i>(Score of 35+)</i> **fee associated (approx \$10) Visit nwtc.edu/Test to select a testing location and then register for the spatial ability test. Please refer to the assessment center website for more information on testing dates and fees.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Complete General Anatomy and Physiology (NWTC Catalog #10806177) General Anatomy and Physiology is completed with a 4 credit hour college level General Anatomy and Physiology course with a lab, passed with a B grade (80%) or higher.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Complete Physics (NWTC Catalog #10806164) Physics is waived for admissions purposes only if you have completed two semesters of high school physics with a B or better or college level physics with a B or better. *Please note: Physics II completion with a B or better is required prior to starting core program courses (Physics I is not required prior to Phys II). Please consult with your academic advisor on when to enroll in Physics II based on your academic plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Complete the HESI <i>(Composite Score of 83+)</i> **fee associated (approx \$50) Test subjects include reading, math, anatomy & physiology. Assessment dates are available in May, August, and November. It is highly recommended to take college level anatomy and physiology prior to attempting the HESI. Please note, a score of 83 (no rounding) is a minimum requirement to qualify for ranking - a higher score will increase opportunity for selection. Visit nwtc.edu/HESI for more information.	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Complete the Short Answer Questionnaire *This should be one of your final items completed on your checklist. This is one of the most heavily weighted components of ranking - take your time and answer each question to the best of your ability. Visit nwtc.edu/sonography and select the Short Answer Questionnaire - available April-June and October-December.	<input type="checkbox"/>

View your application checklist and progress anytime at nwtc.edu/MyNwtc! Navigate to "Admissions" and select "Application Checklist". Need Help? Contact us at 920-498-5444 or start@nwtc.edu.

When you have completed all parts of the admissions checklist on page 1, items such as your HESI results and short answer responses will be presented to a selection committee for review in June or December. If you are selected for admission to the Echocardiography program, you will then secure your place on the program waitlist to begin core program courses. Below is general education coursework that you can complete prior to being selected for admission and/or during the waitlist period.

Course Name (CATALOG NUMBER)	Credits	Pre-requisite	Completed/ Semester
College 101 (10890101)	1		
General Anatomy & Physiology (10806177) <i>Grade of B or higher</i>	4	Chemistry (10806134) <i>Grade of C or higher</i>	
Advanced Anatomy & Physiology (10806179) <i>Grade of B or higher</i>	4	General Anatomy & Physiology (10806177) <i>Grade of B or higher</i>	
English Comp 1 (10801136)	3		
Introductory Statistics (10804189)	3		
Oral/Interpersonal Communications (10801196)	3		
Intro to Psychology (10809198)	3		
Intro to Diversity Studies (10809172)	3		
Physics 2 (10806164) *	3	Please consult with your academic advisor before enrolling in this course.	Must be completed with a B grade or greater PRIOR to starting core courses.

*Physics 2 is required to be completed prior to starting core program coursework; however, your physics competency may be met with other physics coursework (please see page 1). Physics 2 has limited space - please consult with your academic advisor on when to enroll in Physics 2. In most cases, this course is not eligible for Start College Now or Youth Apprenticeship students.

** When scores are not met, it is important to work with an academic advisor to discuss which additional courses are required for admission.

Exam Name	Math	Reading	English	Elementary Algebra
ACT	18	21	21	21
Accuplacer	263	263	263	263
Accuplacer (Old)	80	90	95	65
TABE 9/10	12.8	12.6	12.8	
TABE 11/12	800	800	800	
SAT	430	500	500	500
COMPASS	50	87	91	47

FAQs

Q. What is the deadline for completing admission items?

A. All items must be successfully completed by 6/15 for the June selection and 12/15 for the December selection.

Q. When will I be notified if I am selected?

A. The selection process can take about a month to be completed. If your items are submitted by 6/15, you can expect to receive notification in July. If your items are submitted by 12/15, you can expect to receive notification in January.

Q. Vaccination Requirements

A. To learn more about the vaccines, such as flu, Covid-19, etc., required for this program, please visit www.nwtc.edu/cbc and select your program from the drop-down list.

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