

An individual must meet the qualifications/pre-requisites for entrance into the program prior to applying for Mercy Scholars.

After being accepted into a specified program, it is then the individual's responsibility to notify Human Resources of their interest in applying for Mercy Scholars.

As part of the selection process for Mercy Scholars, an application, acceptance letter into desired program from the college, previous official transcripts, & references are required. In addition, applicants must complete a job shadow experience, & assessment tool. Once all are completed an interview will be scheduled.

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**Sonographer (Cardiovascular Sonographer / Echo Tech):** A Sonographer is a skilled professional who uses equipment producing high frequency sound waves to create diagnostic images and data that help health care professional diagnose patients with disease. Ultrasound imaging is used on many body parts, including the abdomen, blood vessels, and the developing fetus of pregnant women. The sonographer uses independent judgment in recognizing the need to extend the scope of the study according to diagnostic findings. They take part in the reading sessions with physicians, contributing technical and professional knowledge and observation to the final diagnostic impression.

**Training:** Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa is very fortunate in that our radiology department is willing to do on-the -job internships with current staff. This involves a large commitment on both the student and the trained sonographer. Prerequisites include that the student be trained in diagnostic radiography with ARRT. The student works closely with the sonographer and is required to pass certification exams during the course of his/her training.

Colleges that offer these programs: South East Tech 2320 N. Career Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57107 (ph.800-247-0789)

**Stated above is a suggested college only to obtain this degree. A Mercy Scholars applicant can choose any college they would like to, in order to, obtain this particular degree.**

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