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Vascular Sonography Program Coming to Triton College this Fall

RIVER GROVE, III. —Triton College will begin its highly anticipated Vascular Sonography Program this fall, equipping students with the skills needed to diagnose and assess vascular conditions. Students will gain hands-on experience in a dynamic learning environment, guided by expert faculty and state-of-the-art campus facilities.

"Vascular sonographers – not to be confused with an echocardiographer – assess blood flow, detect blockages and evaluate conditions like deep vein thrombosis and arterial diseases using ultrasound technology," said Heather Amwoza, chairperson for Triton's Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program.

Vascular sonographers generate images of a patient's blood vessel and produce detailed reports to help physicians diagnose vascular conditions such as blood clots, plaque buildup or aneurysms, according to Amwoza. They also play a crucial role in diagnosing vascular conditions, including preventing complications like strokes and blood clots, and can guide vascular treatment plans.

Graduates with a vascular sonography degree can pursue careers in hospitals, outpatient clinics, imaging centers, physician offices and mobile diagnostic services. They may also participate in clinical research, contribute to studies on vascular diseases, and work in academic or research institutions.

"Vascular sonographers are in demand," Amwoza said. "Students will easily find a job in this field after they graduate."

Triton's two semester, 15 credit hour Vascular Sonography Program will provide students with in-depth knowledge of arteries, including those in the brain and abdominal areas. However, labs must be completed in-person at Triton. Clinicals must be completed on-site at a facility that routinely performs vascular exams.

"We like to keep this program fast paced," noted Amwoza.

Triton's Vascular Sonography Program is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, including two new ultrasound machines. These machines offer higher resolution in imaging, advanced doppler capabilities and updated software, enhancing both diagnostic accuracy and the overall learning experience.

"Triton program includes simulation labs, scanning platforms and indirect arterial equipment, typically referred to as the 'Parks-Flo' machine," said Amwoza.

Applicants must be American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) certified in a specialty (abdomen or OB/GYN) to apply.

Current Triton students in their final year of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program who are interested in vascular sonography do not need to apply for ARDMS certification, as they will be taking their certifications this spring.

To learn more about the Vascular Sonography Program, visit triton.edu/vascular.

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