

*Allied Health SOAR (Student Orientation And Registration) will be
July 18, 2023, @ 9:00 a.m. in TE 100 (Techincal Education Building)*

See Map

Attendance is required unless prior arrangements have been made.

STUDENT INFORMATION

The following is information that all Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) students should know and/or be prepared for while in the sonography program. These may also answer questions that you may have about the program.

- 1) **Accommodations:** All applicants shall have equal opportunity regardless of race, disability, sex, creed, religion, or nationality.

A. **SAU Tech Disability Statement**

SAU Tech recognizes that a disability may preclude a student from demonstrating required course competencies or from completing course requirements necessary for degree or certificate programs in the same manner expected of nondisabled students. In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, qualified students with disabilities may request that appropriate course accommodations be considered. Students are encouraged to meet with Disability Services in the Office of Enrollment Services to develop a plan for their academic accommodations. Requests for accommodations must be made within two (2) weeks of the start of each semester.

B. **SAU Tech Sonogram Program**

Reasonable accommodations will be made in the sonography program for students with special needs in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); However, due to the nature of the sonography profession, the requirement of prevention of threats to personal or public safety, and the essential requirements of sonography courses and the DMS program, the accommodations may not be sufficient to enable the student to successfully complete the program.

- 2) **Clinical:** SAU Tech sonography students gain clinical experience in a variety of healthcare facilities. Sonography students will be assigned to out-of-town facilities. To obtain adequate clinical experience, sonography students may be scheduled to attend clinical rotations that are eight (8), ten (10), or twelve (12) hour shifts on days, evenings, or weekends and possibly at out-of-town facilities. Scheduling is determined by the Dean of Allied Health and the Sonography Director and is non-negotiable. The clinical rotation days/times/frequency & location vary from semester to semester. A clinical rotation schedule will be provided at the beginning of each semester.
- 3) **Class & Attendance:** Classroom days & frequency also vary from semester to semester. A class schedule will be provided at the beginning of each semester.
 - a. The Attendance Policy for the sonography program allows the student to miss a **very limited** number of hours. Attendance in the sonography program is monitored carefully because school attendance frequently reflects future workplace

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attendance. It is very important for sonographers to have good time management skills and excellent attendance; therefore, it is also very important while you are in this program. Students missing more than the allowed hours will be dismissed from the program.

- b. **There are limited exceptions to the Attendance Policy as there are no ‘excused’ absences** (this includes hospitalization, surgery, automobile accidents, death in the family, or any other reason). Lost theory &/or clinical time cannot be made up. Limited exceptions fall under the Title IX Policy.
- 4) **Transportation & Travel:** It is very important for sonography students to have reliable transportation as well as a backup plan in case of problems. All students will not be assigned to the same clinical facilities at the same time so carpooling isn’t always an option. Also, students may be required to attend out-of-town seminars, workshops, or clinical rotations. While this usually does not involve overnight travel, the hours will often be longer than clinical or class hours because of travel time. You will receive prior notice of the seminar date and you will be responsible for paying any registration or other fees for these seminars. You will also be responsible for providing your own transportation. You may be required to participate in several community service projects throughout the year which may require evening, night, or weekend work.
- 5) **Child-care:** If you have children, especially pre-school or school-aged, it is very important for you to have dependable child-care arrangements as well as a backup plan in case of problems. Children are not allowed in class or clinical.
- 6) **Employment & Study Skills:** Working while being a sonography student is **highly discouraged**. If you must work, it is recommended that you keep your work hours to a minimum. The sonography program courses are usually quite difficult and move swiftly with a lot of information. It will require many study & preparation hours outside of the classroom.
 - a. Plan ahead to learn and maintain good study habits and utilize good study skills while in the sonography program to help you succeed in completing the program. Many students who are not successful say that they did not realize how important and time-consuming studying truly is and most of the time they admit that they did not study enough. No one ever said it would be easy to become a sonographer.

Instructions:

- 1) **CERTIFICATIONS:** American Heart Association’s Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support (BLS/CPR) or American Red Cross Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers training is required for sonography students prior to beginning clinical rotations.
 - **If you are already certified**, your certification **must be good through December 2024**. If your certification is current and expires on or later than December 2024, you must submit a copy of your certification card by **the first date of class**.
 - **If you are NOT currently certified or if your certification expires prior to December 2024**, you will need to make arrangements to obtain this course prior to December 1, 2024, or you will not be allowed at clinical and will not pass the practicum course.

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- 2) **BOOKS:** Purchase of the required books can be done through the SAU Tech Bookstore. The bookstore is located in the Student Center (see map #14) and their phone number is 870-574-4410.
 - All books/resources must be in the **currently required editions.**
 - Elsevier, the primary publisher of the sonography program books, offers a package combination deal through the SAU Tech Bookstore that will save a lot of money from ordering them separately.
- 3) **DRUG SCREEN:** You must submit to and pay for a urine drug screen during the first semester of the program and randomly throughout the sonography program. The cost is \$45 per screening and is the student's financial responsibility.
 - **Bring \$45 cash or check for your drug screen on the SOAR Day or prior to the first day of class! You will pay for this at the Business Office in the Administration Building.**
 - More information will be provided by the Dean of Allied Health at the beginning of the first semester.
- 4) **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK:** All students are required to complete a criminal background check prior to the Fall start date. Every student will create an account with VerifyStudent for this criminal background check.

This needs to be completed by July 13 to allow ample time for the criminal background check results to be completed.

Before Starting:

- A valid email is REQUIRED.
- Have your credit card (Visa/MasterCard/American Express/Discover) information ready in order to process payment. Your credit card will be charged **\$53.41** for the service.

NOTE: You may incur additional court fees depending upon your current/prior counties of residence.

Getting Started:

1. Log onto our website at www.VerifyStudents.com and click *Students Start Here*.



2. Use this special promotional code: **SOUT5000**
3. Complete profile & e-sign forms as they appear.

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Student Checklist

___ Apply for Admissions (<https://www.sautech.edu/admissions/>) AND

___ Select degree plan

___ Send an official high school transcript with final date of graduation or GED scores

___ Shot records (2 measles, mumps, and rubella shots required for college, as well as, Tdap, varicella, and Hep B series for the DMS program)

___ Placement scores (ACT, SAT, Accuplacer, or Compass)

___ Send official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges

Note: All official transcripts must be sent directly from the school. They can be sent from the school electronically or submitted to Admissions in person in a sealed envelope.

FEDERAL AID:

___ Apply for FSA (Federal Student Aid) User ID and password (for you and your parent if needed) at studentaid.ed.gov. This is your online signature for federal aid and applications.

NOTE: Keep username/password information written somewhere safe

___ Apply for the specified year for which you want to receive aid at studentaid.ed.gov.

For the **22-23** award year parents/students will use **2020** tax information. For the **23-24** award year, the **2021** tax information is used. SAU Tech's school code is 007738.

___ Turn in any documents required by the Financial Aid office (email sent to the email used on FAFSA and SAU Tech email)

AR STATE AID:

___ Apply online at <https://Scholarships.adhe.edu> by July 1st of each year

NOTE: Keep username/password information written somewhere safe

___ For the ArFuture Grant, it will ask if you are in a STEM area of study. Mark Yes.

___ Must complete FAFSA by June 1st of the year applying

___ Turn in any documents required (log back on to see what you need to turn in)

___ If you are sent an email stating awarded, you **MUST** log on and accept the award

INSTITUTIONAL AID:

___ Apply for scholarships (found at <https://www.sautech.edu/scholarships/>)

SAU Tech Institutional Scholarship and SAU Tech Foundation Scholarship as well as others

___ If you are sent an acceptance letter, you **MUST** return it in order to receive aid

___ Make certain you enroll in the correct amount of hours required for your scholarship each semester

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Loans:

___ Apply separately for loans at SAU Tech:

<http://www.sautech.edu/docs/financialAid/studentLoanApplication.pdf>

Or pick up a form in the Financial Aid Office

NOTE: First time loan borrowers must complete online and in-person counseling

Housing Information @ SAU Tech

___ Apply for housing at https://sautech.formstack.com/forms/housing_applications_2

___ Pay the \$100 application/damage fee in the SAU Tech Business Office

Note: the Application/damage fee does NOT guarantee your housing spot! You must have total funds to cover tuition, fees, and housing before your spot will be considered secure. You can also set up a payment plan for housing.

Contact Information:

Financial Aid Office:

MAIN LINE, Monteria Young -Scholarships, Federal Work Study – 870-574-4511

Last name A-L, Veteran’s Benefits – Shannon Green, sgreen@sautech.edu, 870-574-4469

Last name M-Z, Loans – Adrianna Archer, aarcher@sautech.edu, 870-574-4499

Director of Financial Aid – Connie Riley, criley@sautech.edu, 870-574-4711

Admissions- Bailey Carl, Director of Admissions and Recruiting – bcarl@sautech.edu 870-574-4558

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Uniforms

IHC Uniform Company will be on campus during Sonography SOAR to measure for uniforms.

Uniforms will be ordered that day.

For Clinical: You will be **required** to have two (2) uniform tops, two (2) uniform pants, and one (1) uniform jacket. The uniform shirts and jacket will be embroidered.

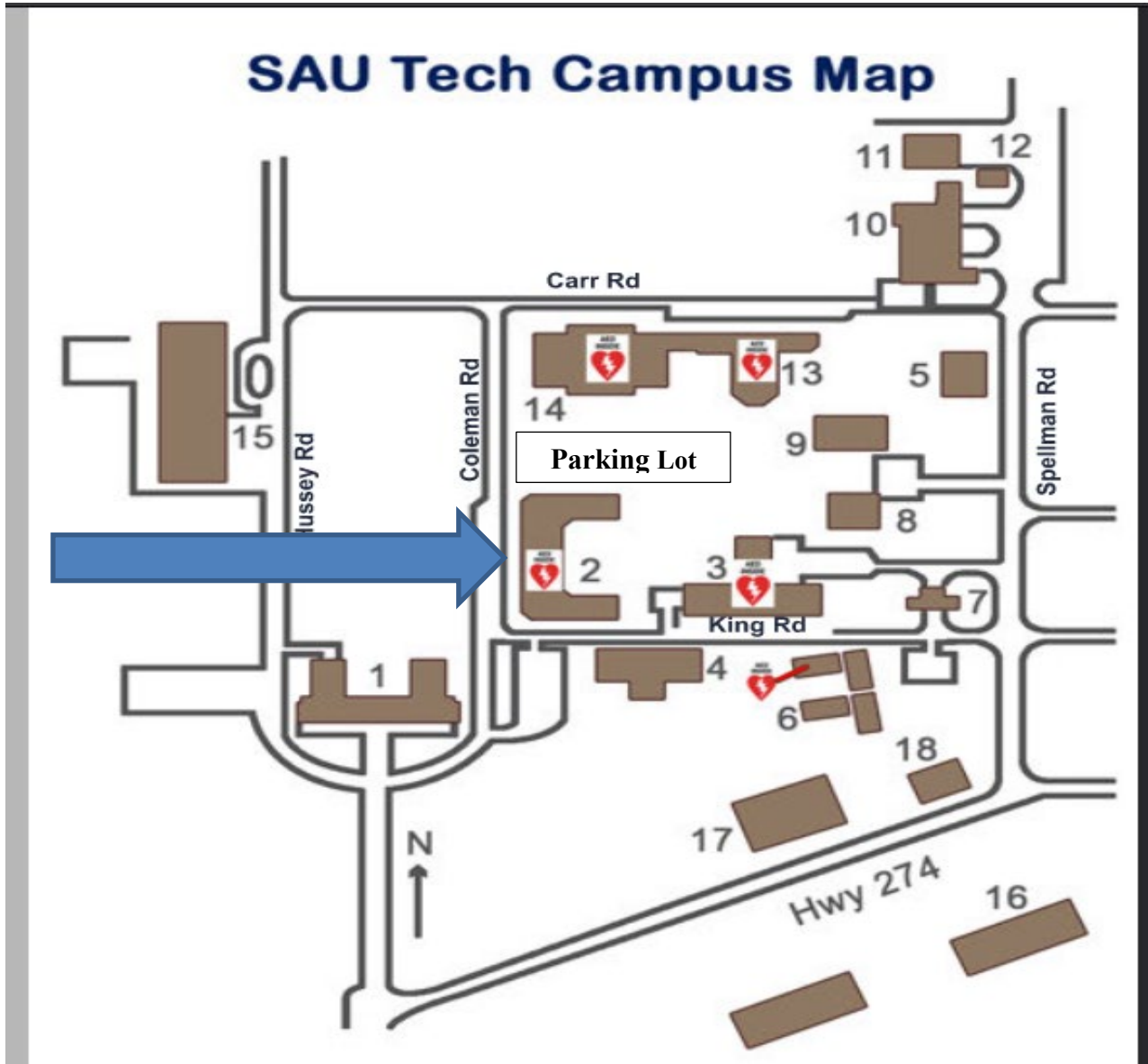
For Class: You will be **required** to purchase a minimum of two (2) black scrub pants. Class is usually two (2) to three (3) days a week. You can purchase your black scrub pants from IHC or your vendor of choice. You may wear any type of shirt you choose to class.
 (EX: SAU Tech Rocket T-shirt with your black scrub pants).

SAU TECH SCRUB PRICING		
Women		
Cherokee Pant: CK002	XXS-XL \$40 2X-3X \$42 4X-5X \$44	PXXS-XL \$40 P2X \$42 TXS-XL \$42 T-2X \$44
Cherokee Top: CK605 Emborder \$6/top	XXS-XL \$34 2X-3X \$36 4X-5X \$40	
Cherokee Jacket CK303A Emborder \$6/jacket	XXS-XL \$43 2X-5X \$46	
Men		
Cherokee Pant: CK200A	XS-XL \$42 2X-5X \$44	SXS-XL \$42 S 2X-3X \$44 T S-XL \$46 T 2X \$44
Cherokee Top: CK910A Emborder \$6/top	XS-XL \$37 2X-5X \$40	
Cherokee Jacket CK305A Emborder \$6/jacket	XS-XL \$46 2X-5X \$49	
Optional Items: These items are not required to purchase on the day of SOAR		
BP Cuff	\$17.99	
Bandage Scissors	\$12.99	
Pen Light	\$7.99	
Stethoscope-Prestige	\$34.99	
Stethoscope-Littman	\$69.99	
Sketcher Shoes	\$69.99	

****PRICING DOES NOT INCLUDE TAX****

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Building #1: Administration Building. This is where the Business Office and Financial Aid is located.

Building #2: Tech Engineering Building (TE). This is the building where SOAR will be located. TE100

Building #3: Shumaker Hall. This is the Allied Health Building where all of your classes will be located.

Building #4: Rocket Success Center. This is where you will get your student ID made

Building #14: Student Center. This is where the Bookstore is located. As well as the cafeteria.