

UniSA Postgraduate Sonography Programs – FAQ Sheet

What undergraduate degrees could be used to apply for entry into the UniSA Sonography programs:

<i>Degrees that do meet prerequisite requirements</i>	<i>Degrees that need to be assessed on a case by case basis to ensure they meet the prerequisite requirements</i>
Human Movement	Biomedical Science
Medical Radiation Science	Complementary Therapies (e.g. Naturopathy, Homeopathy and Chiropractic)
Nursing	Dentistry
Midwifery	Optometry
Pharmacy	Veterinary Science
Occupational Therapy	
Physiotherapy	
Podiatry	
Speech Pathology	
Clinical Exercise Physiology	
Medicine	
Paramedical Sciences	
Exercise and Sport Science	

Note: UniSA students studying the Bachelor of Health Science may use this degree to apply for entry into the Graduate Diploma of Medical Sonography – Cardiac / Vascular / General, providing they use their elective courses to meet the prerequisite entry requirements. Prospective or current UniSA students studying the Bachelor of Health Science (Public Health) will not be able to apply for postgraduate sonography courses as they will not meet the entry requirements due to the new program structure.

Can a student apply to study one of UniSA’s postgraduate sonography programs if they have not completed a medical radiation science, health science or allied health degree?

UniSA’s sonography programs are postgraduate level qualifications and not appropriate for people who do not have foundation health knowledge or experience with patients in a clinical setting. There are other universities in Australia that offer sonography degrees at an undergraduate level e.g. Bachelor of Medical Sonography / Graduate Diploma of Medical Sonography at CQ University.

Can a student study the Graduate Diploma in one area and Masters in another e.g. Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (Vascular) and Master of Medical Sonography (Cardiac)?

No as the Graduate Diploma and Masters programs are nested and include courses that relate to their area of specialisation. We would advise that a student choose the area of specialisation (general / cardiac / vascular) based on their interests and career ambitions. For students who may not be sure – we would advise the general specialisation as there is the flexibility to work in a variety of different settings (including a vascular laboratory).

Can a student study the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (Vascular) or Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (Cardiac) and then apply for the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (General)?

Students can apply and complete the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (General) as a separate qualification. Students would still need to meet the prerequisite courses required to apply for entry into the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (General).

What if the applicant does not have a training position, or has been told they need to complete some courses prior to being considered for a training position?

The Professional Certificate in Sonographic Principles and Theory has been developed to provide foundational knowledge and skills for health professionals looking for a career change into Medical Sonography. This professional certificate will allow students to complete two introductory courses whilst they explore the industry and work to secure the training position required for application into the Graduate Diploma and Masters of Medical Sonography.

This is a suitable option for future students who have had a radiology practice ask them to complete the introductory Medical Sonography courses prior to the commencement of a training position. Once the training position has been formalised, the student will be able to transfer into the Graduate Diploma or Masters of Medical Sonography program and continue with their studies. Credit for courses studied in this Professional Certificate will be awarded towards the Medical Sonography program.

More information about this Professional Certificate can be found [here](#).

Are there reserved places for students who have a Professional Certificate in Sonographic Principles and Theory and would like to come back and complete their Graduate Diploma?

There are no limits on the number of places in the Graduate Diploma programs, so students who have completed the Professional Certificate, are able to come back and finish their preferred stream in the Graduate Diploma (providing they have secured a training position).

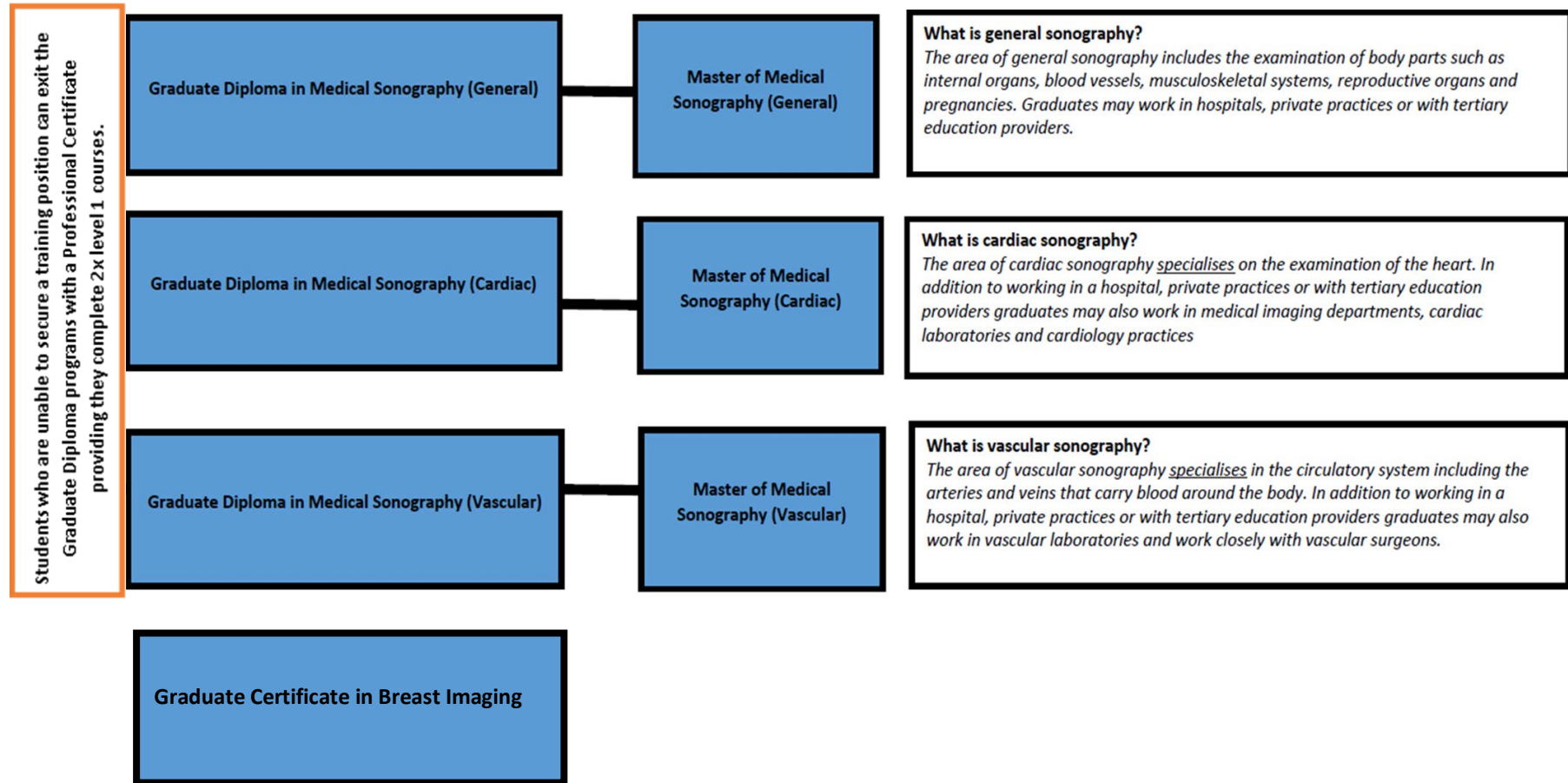
Why would a student choose to study a Master of Medical Sonography after completing Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography?

Students may choose to complete a Master of Medical Sonography if they have an interest in career professional development. This program will provide students with additional skills in a range of areas including management and ethics. Students only need to complete an additional four courses on top of the Graduate Diploma to complete their Masters.

Why does the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (General) have subject prerequisites whilst the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (Vascular) and Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (Cardiac) do not?

To apply for the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography (General), students are required to have completed certain courses prior to applying which will provide the necessary assumed knowledge for their studies. The equivalent relevant content required for Cardiovascular sonography is taught within the Vascular and Cardiac qualifications.

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Notes:

Prospective students can apply for entry into the programs in the blue boxes via SATAC.