

# GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN VASCULAR SONOGRAPHY

**Effective from:** 2019

**Approved Abbreviation:** GradDipVascSon

**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 4765

**AQF Level:** 8

This program applies to students who commenced in Spring 2019 or later.

The Graduate Diploma in Vascular Sonography provides graduate entry training in vascular ultrasound imaging. It consists of four theoretical and four practical subjects, with one theoretical and one practical subject per semester for a total of 8 subjects (4 semesters, 2 years). A blended learning model is used to combine a variety of learning and assessment methods. Learning material is presented via an electronic platform, with students also required to attend a face to face, on-campus training seminar each semester. The training seminars start with four days each semester for the first year, reducing to three in semester 3, and then two days in the final semester. These on-campus seminars expose the students to emerging technologies and training along with fundamental knowledge. For the duration of the program the students will complete mandatory clinical training of a minimum of three days per week for the entire program. While there are 384 hours mandated within each semester (total over program 1536), students will be required to continue working outside of the university semesters to meet external accreditation requirements. Upon completion, graduates will have developed the knowledge, skill and professional abilities to practice as vascular sonographers.

- Director of Academic Program - Dr Kate McBride

## Study Mode

Two years part-time

## Program Advice

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Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Campbelltown Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above

## Accreditation

This program is accredited with the Australian Sonographers Accreditation Registry. Students will be eligible to be registered as a student sonographer, and upon graduating will be eligible to be an accredited vascular sonographer. Graduates may also be eligible for professional membership with the Australian Sonographers Association.

## Admission

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in natural and physical sciences, or health. Applicants with an

undergraduate degree in another field will be considered for admission if they can demonstrate greater than 12 months experience in medical imaging.

Applicants must secure a minimum of 3 days of work (training) in vascular sonography each week for the duration of the program. Written verification of work (training must be provided to the university by commencement of the program.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a Statement of Service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service form ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement\\_of\\_Service.PDF](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement_of_Service.PDF))

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>  
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

## Special Requirements Prerequisites

Students who complete their clinical training in;

1. a NSW public hospital must meet the necessary legislative requirements as part of their employment conditions.
2. a private hospital must meet any special requirements of the hospital which may differ from public institutions,
3. an organisation outside of NSW will need to comply with the requirements of the relevant state based body.

## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points which include the subjects listed below.

## Recommended Sequence

### Start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
RADI 7015	Principles of Vascular Sonography 1	10
RADI 7011	Practice of Vascular Sonography 1	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
RADI 7016	Principles of Vascular Sonography 2	10
RADI 7012	Practice of Vascular Sonography 2	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>

**Year 2**

**Autumn session**

RADI 7017	Principles of Vascular Sonography 3	10
RADI 7013	Practice of Vascular Sonography 3	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>

**Spring session**

RADI 7018	Principles of Vascular Sonography 4	10
RADI 7014	Practice of Vascular Sonography 4	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>80</b>