What does a degree in Radiologic / Ultrasound Technology prepare me to do?
Radiologic Technologists create images of the inside of the body. The main types of procedures are x-ray fluoroscopy and sonogram. X-rays are pictures that show the bones of the body. Both fluoroscopy and sonograms show the soft tissues of the body. These last two procedures use sound, magnetic and radio waves to create images of the inside of the body. The images help physicians to identify and treat medical problems.
Radiologic technologists analyze the images. They consult with doctors about what the images might mean for medical treatment(s).

Medical Sonographers use sound waves to see inside a patient’s body. They examine blood, organs and tissue, in addition to a developing fetus in the womb. Using this technology medical sonographers operate transducers that send out sound waves. These, in turn project an image on a screen. The term most people use to describe this process is “ultrasound.”

In Washington, the average entry level wage for radiologic technologists is $24.08 per hour ($4,173 per month). Source: Washington Occupation Information System (WOIS), www.wois.org

How do I prepare for a major in Radiologic / Ultrasound Technology. What Washington higher educational institutions offer this major?
Radiologic Technology is offered at the following community colleges: Bellevue College, Bellingham Technical College, Carrington College, Clark College, Columbia
Basin College, Spokane Community College, Tacoma Community College, Wenatchee Valley College, Yakima Valley Community College, Everett Community College.

The closest Radiologic Tech / Ultrasound Tech programs to Highline Community College are at:
- Bellevue College – www.bellevuecollege.edu
- Tacoma Community College – www.tacomacc.edu

Diagnostic Ultrasound Technology / Medical Sonography is offered at the following Washington State colleges: Bellevue College, Columbia Basin College, Spokane Community College, Tacoma Community College. Seattle University offers an undergraduate degree program in Diagnostic Ultrasound Technology. Bellevue College offers the bachelor of applied science (BAS) degree program in radiation and imaging sciences for practicing professionals in these fields. To apply to this program, you must have already obtained an Associate degree in Ultrasound Technology.

Note: These programs are generally considered to be competitive and selective for admission. Many of these colleges offer information or orientation sessions for prospective students. Be sure to attend a session so you will be knowledgeable about application deadlines, prerequisite courses, minimum GPA required health care experience and other admission requirements.

Prerequisite Courses:
Note: All of the courses listed are Highline courses.
Remember: It is YOUR responsibility to double check with the colleges to verify all admission requirements, including prerequisite courses and application deadlines.
Remember: This sheet is only a guide!

General Prerequisites for the: Radiologic Technology, Ultrasound Program, Radiologic Science Program, Medical Sonography Program and Diagnostic Ultrasound Program at Bellevue College, Tacoma Community College and Seattle University:
♦ BIOL& 160, BIOL&241, BIOL&242
♦ ENGL&101
♦ MATH 091
♦ For all other additional requirements, please go directly to the institution’s program website! IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

To request a faculty advisor, go to: http://edplanning.highline.edu/request.advisor.php or stop by the Educational Planning and Advising Center in Building 6. For our hours of operation, go to: http://edplanning.highline.edu/contact.php.

Working with a faculty advisor can be an invaluable resource for you. Your faculty advisor can provide you with information about class selection and sequencing and how to be prepared for competitive admission. A faculty advisor can also write letters of recommendation and support for scholarships.