The Joint Review Committee for Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography requires that all applicants to accredited programs be informed of the program’s pregnancy policy.

Students who are pregnant may continue the program with the permission of their attending physician.

**Procedure:**

1. Students should report their pregnancy promptly in writing to a program official. The letter should state anticipated due date and student’s plans for continuing their education.

2. Students who are pregnant may continue the program with the verbal permission of their attending physician.

3. Pregnant students should follow the Mayo Clinic policy on *Communicable Diseases and the Pregnant Health Care Worker*. Pregnant health care workers should follow Standard Precautions, i.e., consider all body fluids potentially infectious, and special Isolation Precautions as indicated for selected patients. Students are encouraged to maintain current immunization against Rubella, Rubeola, Varicella, Influenza, and Hepatitis B and to complete PPD skin testing for Tuberculosis when recommended. Nonimmune students, pregnant or not, should not care for patients with Rubella, Rubeola, or Varicella. Incidents of unprotected exposure to blood/body fluids or communicable diseases, such as Tuberculosis, should be reported promptly to Employee Health Service.

4. If a student is placed on physical restrictions during their pregnancy, they must submit written orders from their physician outlining the restriction.

   **Note:** Any extended physical restriction may jeopardize the student’s eligibility to graduate in the current academic cycle.

5. After delivery, the student will be granted a leave of absence until her physician grants permission for her to return to the clinical portion of the program. The student must provide program officials with a written release signed by her physician.

6. **Note:** Any extended leave of absence may jeopardize the students eligibility to graduate in the current academic cycle and write the ARDMS examinations. Make-up time will be arranged by program officials.

Additional information is available to applicants who are appointed to the program.