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**Keiser University Achieves Programmatic Accreditation for Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program**

Ft. Myers, FL—Jan. 21, 2015— Keiser University’s Fort Myers campus announced their Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program has been awarded initial programmatic accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) effective January 15, 2015.

Keiser University is the first university in Southwest Florida to be awarded CAAHEP accreditation. This initial accreditation has been awarded through January 31, 2020. CAAHEP states, “The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation.”

The mission of Keiser University’s Associate of Science degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography is to prepare competent graduates who are eligible for entry-level positions in the ultrasound field. The program facilitates the development of learned knowledge and skills of a graduate sonographer. The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program strives to instill the values and concepts of life-long learning to its graduates.

“Achieving this milestone, as the only accredited program in the area, our students continue to benefit from the many hours of commitment and dedication on the part of the Program Director and faculty,” said Nancy Tedros, Campus President.

The DMS program has demonstrated substantial compliance with nationally established accreditation Standards. The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS), American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF), American College of Radiology (ACR), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM), American Society of Echocardiography (ASE), American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS), Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS), and Society for Vascular Ultrasound (SVU).

**About Keiser University:**

Keiser University is a private, not-for-profit university serving nearly 20,000 students pursuing doctoral through associate degrees on 17 campuses, online and internationally, employing 3,500 staff and faculty.

Sixty-two percent of KU students graduate in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and healthcare fields, providing the talented workforce necessary for Florida to compete globally. Over 20 percent of Keiser University students are members of the armed services, veterans, or military family members.

Keiser University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award certificates and degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral levels. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Keiser University.

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