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## **Madonna Joins with Area Hospitals to Train Students for Healthcare Careers**

LIVONIA, Mich. — In Michigan’s booming, competitive healthcare industry, clinical internships provide students invaluable hands-on experience, as well as career networking opportunities. Madonna University has developed partnerships with Providence Hospital in Southfield and Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit to offer approximately 11 internship positions annually for students of Madonna’s associate degree program in clinical imaging science.

At these hospitals, students can complete a required 18-24-month clinical internship, working directly with patients in the sonography (ultrasound) training programs. “Madonna is a great fit for Providence due to our similar philosophies and strong history for academic excellence,” said Janette Wybo, program coordinator for Providence Hospital’s School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography Work. “This is a win-win scenario for both institutions.”

Madonna professors and administrators are working to obtain similar internship agreements with other metro-area healthcare organizations. “Sonography clinical internships are very competitive, so we aim to give our students every opportunity,” said James Wendt, director of Madonna University’s growing clinical laboratory sciences program.

“The process of finding and applying for a clinical internship is long and intense. I am grateful for the help I received from my Madonna advisor,” said student Meghan Hill of Plymouth, who will begin her clinical internship at Providence Hospital this fall. “I feel well-prepared and am excited to begin training!”

Madonna’s clinical imaging science degree is approved by the state’s No Worker Left Behind program. According to [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov), the demand for diagnostic medical sonographers, also known as ultrasound technicians, will continue to rise through the year 2012.

“Diagnostic medical sonography has become an important tool in the medical field,” explains Wybo. “Sonographers create ultrasound images without radiation, but with high-frequency sound waves that document anatomy and detect subtle abnormalities.”

Madonna University is hosting an informative session for all current and prospective clinical imaging science students on Friday, September 25, from 3 – 5 p.m., in Room S102 of the new Franciscan Center. Directors of area healthcare organizations will attend to provide information about careers and training in sonography. For more information, please call 734-432-5523.

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The clinical imaging associate degree program at Madonna University prepares students for technical positions in radiography, nuclear medicine technology, radiation therapy and sonography, at hospitals, laboratories and veterinary offices. The program includes two years of academic study, followed by 18-24 months of clinical training.

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