

Surgical Technology

The Surgical Technology curriculum prepares individuals to assist in the care of the surgical patient in the operating room and function as a surgical team member. Students apply theoretical knowledge to the care of patients undergoing surgery and develop skills necessary to prepare supplies, equipment and instruments; maintain aseptic conditions; prepare patients for surgery, and assist surgeons during operations. Students of this program take the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBST/SA) Certification Examination for Surgical Technologists before graduation. Employment opportunities include labor/delivery/emergency departments, inpatient/outpatient surgery centers, dialysis units/facilities, endoscopy suites/centers, physician's offices, and central supply processing units.

For specific information about potential positions and wages in surgical technology employment, visit the Central Piedmont Career Coach website.

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Degree Awarded

The Associate in Applied Science in Surgical Technology is awarded by the college upon graduation from the program.

Admissions

- Complete a CPCC application.
- Admission to the Surgical Technology program is competitive. Please note that, in addition to a general application to CPCC, students also must complete a separate application for the Surgical Technology program when they are ready to apply.
- See the Surgical Technology website.
- Students must be selected to enter the program. Upon acceptance and enrollment in the program, students must take all courses as scheduled and sequenced.

Program Accreditation

The Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, caahep.org, upon the recommendation the *Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA)*.

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CAAHEP Website

Notes

In addition to tuition and textbooks, costs of this program include the following: uniform scrubs, student ID badge, eye protection, a physical examination including a 13-panel drug screening test, immunizations such as tetanus toxoid, hepatitis B, influenza vaccinations, TB test, blood tests (VDRL, rubella titer, etc.), current CPR with AED certification and a criminal background check. The student also must provide a certificate of current health and accident insurance.

In order to progress in this program, students must earn a "C" or better in all curriculum courses and be successful in clinical skills assessments.

In order to participate in clinical education experiences at health care facilities, students are required to submit results of a North Carolina state and national criminal background check and drug screen at their own expense. As a condition of this program admission, students are required to verify that they are United States citizens or are otherwise legally authorized residents of the United States.

Contact Information

The Surgical Technology program is in the Therapy and Acute Care Division. For information, call 704.330.3473 weekdays from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Division offices are located on the third floor in the Belk (BL) Wing of the Health Careers Building.

For an admission packet, frequently asked questions, and other information, visit the Surgical Technology website.

General Education Requirements

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| ENG 111 | Writing and Inquiry | 3.0 |
| PSY 150 | General Psychology | 3.0 |
| ENG 114 | Professional Research & Reporting | 3.0 |
| Select 3.0 Credits from the following | | 3.0 |
| MAT 110 | Mathematical Measurement and Literacy | |
| MAT 143 | Quantitative Literacy | |
| MAT 152 | Statistical Methods I | |
| MAT 171 | Precalculus Algebra | |
| Select 3 credits of the following: | | 3.0 |
| ART 111 | Art Appreciation | |
| ART 114 | Art History Survey I | |
| ART 115 | Art History Survey II | |
| DRA 111 | Theatre Appreciation | |

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| HUM 120 | Cultural Studies | |
| HUM 130 | Myth in Human Culture | |
| MUS 110 | Music Appreciation | |
| MUS 112 | Introduction to Jazz | |
| PHI 215 | Philosophical Issues | |
| PHI 240 | Introduction to Ethics | |
| REL 110 | World Religions | |
| Select 3 credits of the following: | | 3.0 |
| COM 110 | Introduction to Communication | |
| COM 231 | Public Speaking | |
| Major Requirements | | |
| SUR 110 | Intro to Surgical Technology | 3.0 |
| SUR 111 | Periop Patient Care | 7.0 |
| SUR 122 | Surgical Procedures I | 6.0 |
| SUR 123 | Sur Clinical Practice I | 7.0 |
| SUR 134 | Surgical Procedures II | 5.0 |
| SUR 135 | SUR Clinical Practice II | 4.0 |
| SUR 137 | Professional Success Preparation | 1.0 |
| SUR 210 | Advanced Sur Clinical Practice | 2.0 |
| SUR 211 | Advanced Theoretical Concepts | 2.0 |
| SUR 212 | Surgical Clinical Supplement | 4.0 |
| BIO 168 | Anatomy and Physiology I | 4.0 |
| BIO 169 | Anatomy and Physiology II | 4.0 |
| MED 121 | Medical Terminology I | 3.0 |
| Total Credits | | 70 |

No diplomas are offered in Surgical Technology.

No certificates are offered in Surgical Technology.