

Surgical Technology

The Surgical Technology Program is designed to prepare individuals for entry-level employment as Surgical Technologists in the acute-care operating room environment under the direct supervision of licensed health-care providers. As an essential member of the surgical team, the Surgical Technologist assists in providing quality patient care in the surgical suite. Principles of safety and sterility are emphasized and specialized skills are developed. The Surgical Technologist will prepare the surgical field, pass instruments to Surgeons, cut sutures, and assist with tissue retraction and surgical site visualization. From preparation, to anticipation and critical thinking, the Surgical Technologist helps the surgical team accomplish safe and efficient surgical intervention for a variety of surgical specialties.

Completion of the Program earns either a Certificate or an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree of Surgical Technology from Paris Junior College, and graduates are eligible to sit for the National Certifying Examination for Surgical Technologist (Capstone) in order to achieve the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) credential. The Certification Examination is administered by the National Board of Surgical Technologists and Surgical Assisting and the Surgical Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) located at 9355 - 113th St. N, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775, and the Accreditation Review Committee in Surgical Technology & Surgical Assisting (ARC-STSA), located at 6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite #210, Littleton, Colorado 80120.

The certificate program is 45 credit hours in length and includes two semesters of hospital-based clinical training. The Associate of Applied Science degree is 60 credit hours and, including prerequisites and also includes two semesters of hospital-based clinical training.

Admissions Procedures for the Surgical Technology Program

The Surgical Technology Program's admission application is available through the Health Occupations Office in the Bobby Walters Workforce Training Center and is accepted year-round. Admission determinations are rendered each spring prior to summer enrollment when the program core begins. Along with the completed and signed surgical technology application, the following must also be submitted:

- » Official high school transcript or TxCHSE.
- » Texas Success Initiative (TSI) exemption status or proof that TSI criteria have been met.
- » Official college transcripts from all colleges attended.
- » Required references at the time of applications.
- » Immunization records.

To receive a surgical technology application by mail or to pick one up in person, contact the Health Occupations office at 903.782.0734.

Admission to Surgical Technology Program is dependant upon:

- » Completion of application.

- » GPA – required courses.
- » Available space.

Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology (60 Semester Credit Hours)

First Semester (17 SCH)	Second Semester - (15 SCH)
BIOL 2401 BIOL 2402 HITT 1305 HPRS 2300 HPRS 2301	BIOL 2420 SRGT 1405 SRGT 1409 ENGL 1301
Third Semester (14 SCH)	Fourth Semester (14 SCH)
SRGT 1441 SRGT 2461 MATH 1314 SOCl 1301	SRGT 1442 SRGT 2462 PSYC 2314 MUSI 1306

CERTIFICATE IN SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY (45 Semester Credit Hours)

Academic Support Courses (17 SCH)*

* These academic support courses may be taken prior to enrollment in, or concurrently with the STP courses.

BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 2402.....	Anatomy and Physiology II
HITT 1305	Medical Terminology I
HPRS 2300.....	Pharmacology for Health Professions
HPRS 2301	Pathophysiology*

First Semester - Summer (12 SCH)

BIOL 2420.....	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors
SRGT 1405.....	Introduction to Surgical Technology
SRGT 1409.....	Fundamentals of Perioperative Concepts and Techniques

Second Semester (8 SCH)

SRGT 1441.....	Surgical Procedures I
SRGT 2461.....	Clinical - Surgical Technology/Technologist

Third Semester (8 SCH)

SRGT 1442.....	Surgical Procedures II
SRGT 2462.....	Clinical - Surgical Technology/Technologist