

Surgical Technology

Diploma in Health Sciences

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable ASSET or COMPASS Score

Type of Program:

Day

Type of Degree:

Diploma

Professional Credentials:

Certified Surgical Technologist (subject to passing exam)

Program Accreditation:

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)

Employment Opportunities:

Hospitals, surgical centers, obstetrical care, veterinarians' offices, surgeon's scrub technologist, physicians' offices, traveling surgical technologist

- This program prepares students to pass instruments, sutures, and sponges and to assist in surgery.
- **Seating Process:** To be eligible for the fall class, all requirements must be completed and verified by the Surgical Technology advisors by June 1. A score will then be calculated using the Surgical Technology Weighted Admissions Worksheet (see advisor). The students with the highest total score will be offered the seats. **Students with the highest scores will receive an intent letter form and physical exam form.**
- The following general education courses can be taken with SUR courses or prior to beginning the SUR courses:
 - BIO 112 Basic Anatomy and Physiology
 - BIO 115 Basic Microbiology
 - ENG 101 English Composition I
 - MAT 155 Contemporary Mathematics
 - PSY 103 Human Relations
- A grade of "C" or higher is required in all related courses.
- Prior to acceptance students must
 - Meet the specific program requirements outlined in Health Sciences/Nursing admissions requirements.
 - Have a crime-free criminal background check.
 - Have completed one high school unit of biology with a grade of "C" or higher.
 - Attend an information sharing session for the major.
 - Submit a letter of recommendation from the previous school, if a transfer student.
 - Have a technical GPA of 2.0.

- Complete CPT 101 (Introduction to Computers) or equivalent.
- Complete AHS 106 (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation).
- Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Association of Surgical Technologists Certification Exam.
- The student must achieve a final average of 75% or better to be successful in SUR 123, and to be eligible to exit the Certificate program or continue in the Diploma program, the student (Certificate and Diploma) must successfully complete the CRCST Exam.
- Progression requirements include
 - A grade of “C” or higher in curriculum courses and biophysical science courses.
 - Biophysical science courses may be repeated one time only to achieve a passing grade.
 - Biophysical science courses must be current within five years of admission to the Surgical Technology program.
 - Validation of skills and course content in Surgical Technology courses for any student returning after six months absence.
 - Evidence of current CPR certification.
 - Evidence of pre-clinical courses.
 - A crime-free criminal background check is required for clinical experiences. Students must be able to attend all clinical experiences.
 - Any student who has been convicted of a crime or felony must contact the Assistant Dean of Health Sciences/Nursing for further instructions.
 - Must have a negative 10-panel drug screen.
 - Students are required to take the mandatory Program Assessment Examination provided by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting. Students are required to achieve a passing grade on the PAE. Any student who does not achieve a passing grade will be required to take an open book test at 100%. Any student that does not complete the PAE or the assigned 100% open book test will receive an incomplete (I) for SUR 120 until completed. Students are also required to take the Student Assessment Examination (SAE) and the certification exam (upon completion of the program).

Recommended Program Schedule

First Semester - Summer

BIO 112	Basic Anatomy & Physiology*	4.0
MAT 155	Contemporary Mathematics*	3.0

Second Semester - Fall

BIO 115	Basic Microbiology*	3.0
SUR 101	Introduction to Surgical Technology	5.0
SUR 102	Applied Surgical Technology	5.0
SUR 123	Sterile Processing Technology	3.0

Third Semester - Spring

ENG 101	English Composition I*	3.0
SUR 103	Surgical Procedures I	4.0
SUR 104	Surgical Procedures II	4.0
SUR 110	Introduction to Surgical Practicum	5.0

Fourth Semester - Summer

PSY 103	Human Relations	3.0
SUR 111	Basic Surgical Practicum	7.0
SUR 120	Surgical Seminar	2.0

Total credit hours **51.0**

*General Education course

Please contact your advisor for recommended evening schedules.