

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY



OVERVIEW

Surgical Technologists are vital members of the surgical team. The CST works closely with surgeons, RNs, anesthesia care providers and other members of the surgical team. Duties include set-up, preparation and participation in surgical procedures. The CST requires knowledge of instrumentation, equipment, sterilization and safety practices, and the ability to anticipate the needs of the surgical team.

ACCREDITATION

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

DEGREE EARNED

Associate in Applied Science Degree in Surgical Technology

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

Three semesters (60 hours of which 23 hours of prerequisite course work are required for admission. Optional courses require an additional semester).

CREDENTIALS EARNED

Students who complete the Surgical Technology program will be eligible to sit for the national certification exam.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Surgical Technologists are employed by hospitals, physicians' offices, and outpatient surgical clinics.

CURRICULUM

Prerequisites: Must be completed prior to application with a grade of C or higher.

PREREQUISITES

BIO 103	Principles of Biology	4
BIO 201	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
HPS 105	Medical Terminology	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
MTH100	Intermediate Algebra	
Or		
MTH 110	Finite Math or higher	3
SPH 107	Fund of Public Speaking	
Or		
SPH 106	Oral Communications	3
PSY 200	General Psychology	
Or		
PSY 210	Human Growth & Dev.	3

Total Semester Hours **23**

SEMESTER I– SUMMER

SUR 100	Prin. of Surg. Technology	5
SUR 109	Intro to Surg. Equipment, Instrumentation, & Supplies	2
SUR 108	Pharmacology for the Surgical Technologist	
Or		
HPS 114	Basic Pharmacology	2
Total Semester Hours		9

SEMESTER II– FALL

SUR 101	Intro to Surg Technology	3
SUR 102	Applied Surgical Techniques	4
SUR 107	Surgical Anatomy & Patho.	3
BIO 220	General Microbiology	4
Total Semester Hours		14

SEMESTER III– SPRING

SUR 111	Clinical Procedures	5
SUR 105	Surgical Practicum	5
SUR 106	Role Transition in Surgical Technology	1
Humanities Elective		3
Total Semester Hours		14

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS **60**

OPTIONAL COURSES

SUR 204	Surgical Practicum III	4
SUR 205	Surgical Practicum IV	5

¹ORI 101 is a requirement for all freshman students.

ADMISSION

Opelika Campus

Classes are admitted once per year (summer semester). Priority admission begins November 15 and applications are accepted until class is filled. Results are emailed 4-6 weeks after deadline.

Admission to the Surgical Technology Program is competitive and the number of students admitted is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general admission requirements of the College, application to the Surgical Technology program requires:

1. Unconditional admission to the College;
2. 2.5 grade point average (GPA) calculated on completed core courses and;
3. 2.0 GPA at Southern Union if previously enrolled. Transfer students must enter the College on clear academic status (2.0 GPA); Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended.
4. All new and transfer students must submit high school or GED transcripts;
5. Submission of complete application packet for Surgical Technology Program.

Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance. **Notice:** admission requirements and procedures may change without prior notice. Please check with health sciences division and/or website for updates.

For more information, please refer to the College Catalog and Student Handbook, or visit the website at www.suscc.edu.

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For more information about admission to the program contact:
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