

PROGRAMS

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

The Surgical Technology curriculum prepares individuals to assist in the care of the surgical patient in the operating room and to function as a member of the surgical team.

Students will 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.

Employment opportunities include labor/delivery/emergency departments, inpatient/outpatient surgery centers, dialysis units/facilities, physicians' offices, and central supply processing units.

Students of Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited programs are required to take the national certification exam administered by the National Board on Certification in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) within a four-week period prior to or after graduation.

The Surgical Technology Curriculum offers two options – a degree and a diploma program. Completion of a diploma program from an accredited college will qualify students for entry into the Associate Degree program. Certification in Surgical Technology is preferred but not mandatory. Completion of the associate degree program is highly recommended as it prepares the graduate to be a practitioner with a broader knowledge base in the field of Surgical Technology.

Associate in Applied Science Degree Program

		Course Hours Per Week			Semester Hours
First Semester (Fall)		Class	Lab	Clinic	Credit
ACA-115	Success & Study Skills	0	2		1
BIO***	Take BIO-163 or BIO-168	4-3	2-3		5-4
SUR-110	Intro to Surg Tech	3	0		3
SUR-111	Periop Patient Care	5	6		7
***	PSY/SOC Elective	3	0		3
Credit Hours		15-14	10-11	0	19-18
Second Semester (Spring)					
BIO***	Take BIO-169(if BIO-168 taken)	0-3	0-3		0-4
BIO***	Take BIO-175 or BIO-275	2-3	2-3		3-4
SUR-122	Surgical Procedures I	5	3		6
SUR-123	Sur Clinical Practice I	0	0	21	7
Credit Hours		7-11	5-9	21	16-21
Third Semester (Summer)					
ENG-111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0		3

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SUR-134	Surgical Procedures II	5	0		5
SUR-135	SUR Clinical Practice II	0	0	12	4
SUR-137	Professional Success Prep	1	0		1
	Credit Hours	9	0	12	13

Fourth Semester (Fall)

ENG-112 or	Writing/Research in the Disc or				
ENG-114	Prof Research & Reporting	3	0		3
COM-231	Public Speaking	3	0		3
SUR-211	Adv Theoretical Concepts	2	0		2
***	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0		3
	Credit Hours	11	0	0	11

Fifth Semester (Spring)

BUS-137	Principles of Management	3	0		3
BUS-255 or	Org Behavior in Business or				
BUS-230	Small Business Management	3	0		3
SUR-210	Adv SUR Clinical Practice	0	0	6	2
***	Natural Sciences/Math Elective	3	0		3
	Credit Hours	9	0	6	11

Total Required Minimum Semester Hours Credit 70

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