

2007-08 Catalog: Programs of Study

Surgical Technology (5667)

Workforce Certificate

Mission Statement

Creating competent, ethical, confident entry-level health care practitioners committed to professional development through life-long learning in a positive, non-discriminatory and supportive learning environment.

The Program

This program prepares students for a career as members of the surgical team in the operating room under the direct supervision of professional nurses and surgeons. The instruction includes a combination of classroom studies, classroom lab practice, and clinical experience in the perioperative arena (operating room, pre- and post-anesthesia care and labor and delivery) which prepares students to assist members of the surgical team (surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses and surgical technologists). Upon successful completion of the program, students are qualified to take a National Certifying Examination to become a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST). Particular emphasis is placed upon the skills involved in scrubbing and circulating a wide variety of surgical procedures and the preparation and maintenance of sterilized and unsterilized supplies.

Cost

Estimated cost of tuition is \$2,590 (tuition rated for Florida residents, as of 7/06). Contact the program manager for additional costs (textbooks, fees, materials).

Application

Admission to this program is limited and is based on academic performance and other criteria.

An application for admission to the program must include the following:

1. A completed application to the Surgical Technology program
2. A high school completion transcript or copy of General Education Development (GED) test scores
3. Evidence of current CPR certification — adult, child and infant (achieved through an American Heart Association approved **Basic Life Support (BLS) course for Health Care Providers**, that includes hands-on simulated experiences)
4. Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) scores.

A physical examination will be required upon acceptance to the program.

The Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) is a major criterion in a student's completion of the program. Students who fail to meet the State of Florida's designated exit score will be required to complete the Vocational Preparatory Instruction (VPI). In order to complete the program successfully, students must achieve or surpass the designated exit score(s). See **Standards of Academic Progress**.

Need More Information? Contact:

Jalaine Buford, North Campus, 904.766.6585
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More Information Online

Association of Surgical Technologists

Curriculum

Course Number and Title	Contact Hours	Workforce Credits
Professional Courses		
*VPI 0100 Basic Reading Skills		
*VPI 0200 Basic Mathematical Skills		
*VPI 0300 Basic Language Skills		
HCP 0001 Health Careers Core	90	3.00
HCP 0103 Nursing Related Core	149	5.00
STS 0005 Central Supply Assistant	30	1.00
STS 0810 Surgical Technology I	356	12.00
STS 0820 Surgical Technology II	705	23.50
Total Contact Hours	1,330	44.50

*Students who have satisfactory test scores are not required to take these courses.

Record of Conviction of a Crime

Clinical agencies may require students to undergo drug screening and criminal background checks prior to placement in the agencies for clinical experiences. Students whose drug screening and criminal background checks are unsatisfactory may be denied access to clinical experiences by the clinical agencies. Withdrawal from the program may be necessary if students cannot be placed for clinical experiences.

The cost of the background check and drug screen is borne by the student. Additionally, it is the student's responsibility to have all paperwork completed by the program's published deadline.

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To request information, contact the Learner Support Center at info@fccj.edu or 904.646.2300.

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