

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

LIMITED ENROLLMENT

Delivery method: On campus (except SRTG 105 online only)
Program begins: Spring only

Program Description

Surgical Technology is a job readiness program for students interested in the exciting environment of the operating room. Surgical technologists work alongside some of the most highly trained medical professionals and possess an expertise in the theory and application of sterile technique. Their combined knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures and surgical instrumentation allows them to aid a physician's performance.

Students receive both theoretical instruction and a clinical internship. Study and degree completion is offered on a two-year or three-year cycle. BSC's Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, 9355 113th St. N Suite 7709, Seminole, FL 33775. Phone: 727-210-2350. www.caahep.org

Preparation

A strong science background is recommended with high school preparation in the biological sciences, especially anatomy and physiology. Successful students are those able to perform under pressure in stressful and emergency situations. A strong sense of responsibility, patience, concern for order, manual dexterity and physical stamina are vital.

Program Requirements

The Surgical Technology program is highly selective with limited enrollment. Students first designate Surgical Technology as their intended field of study. Next, they complete one full time semester (at least 12 credit hours) with a minimum overall 2.0 grade point average, including Anatomy & Physiology I and Lab (BIOL 220/BIOL 220L) with a "C" or better. The third step is to apply to the program by Nov. 15 prior to spring semester start and participate in an interview.

Prior to the operating room clinical internship, students will need documentation of immunizations. They must undergo a medical exam and apply to the North Dakota Board of Nursing for placement on the "unlicensed assistive personnel" list. (This process includes a criminal background check.) Students will also be required to have a second state, county, federal and exclusions check, as well as pass a 12 panel drug screen, which will be done through CastleBranch prior to clinical rotation. These checks are completed at the student's cost and are paid directly to CastleBranch and the North Dakota Board of Nursing. Costs are not covered by BSC tuition and/or fees. Clinical sites maintain sole discretion as to the student's ability to participate in the Operating Room Clinical Internship (SRTG 280).

Students who complete the curriculum requirements receive an Associate in Applied Science degree and are eligible to take the National Surgical Technologist Certifying Examination offered at the end of sophomore year.

Career Opportunities

Surgical Technologists are in demand across the nation in hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, clinics, same day surgery centers, labor and delivery suites, medical insurance companies, medical sales companies and sterile supply services.

Career Possibilities: A Surgical Technologist may function in the role of a Surgical Technologist or continue their education to function in the role of a Surgical First Assistant.

The most recent cohort from the BSC Surgical Technology program (class of 2020) had a 100% pass rate on the NBSTSA National Certified Surgical Technologist exam.

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Degree Plans

- Surgical Technology 2-Year Degree Plan
- Surgical Technology 3-Year Degree Plan